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BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD Issue Still In The Balance

THREAT OF THE GREER ISSUE

The German charges against President Roosevelt over the Greer incident are treated as ludicrous in Washington, as no one believes the Greer had any orders to do anything but defend itself.

Moreover, the destroyer was so plainly marked that no submarine commander with his periscope above water could possibly have mistaken her for one of those that had been transferred to Great Britain.

The incident, which appeared fairly innocuous at first, now threatens to develop into a serious diplomatic issue, and while none still believes that it can lead America into the war, it will intensify relations, and similar incidents in the future would unquestionably inflame opinion in Washington. REPORTS FROM HYDE PARK THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS CONSIDERING CONVOYS AS THE RESULT OF THE GREER INCIDENT ARE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON WITH INTENSE INTEREST, BUT NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS HEAD IS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. — REUTER.

German Defences Crumble

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The slaughter of 15,000 Germans and the destruction of large quantities of Nazi weapons and equipment by violent Soviet artillery fire in a single day, was announced in Moscow yesterday.

The Red Air Force dealt massed blows at panzers, troops and artillery emplacements.

The Soviets announce energetic counter-attacks on all five main fronts and emphasise the power of massive Russian field-guns which are being increasingly used in the defence of Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa and other centres.

Recapture of an important section of the railway south of Leningrad is reported.

THE "RED STAR" SAYS THAT ON THE CENTRAL FRONT, WHERE THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING FOR THREE WEEKS, THE GERMAN DE-

Difficult Tasks Ahead Of Germans

(By "Annalist")

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK-END THE BATTLE OF LENINGRAD CONTINUED UNABATED. THE ISSUE REMAINS IN THE BALANCE: THE SOVIET COMMUNIQUE IS RETICENT, REPORTING ONLY THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES, WHILE EVEN THE GERMANS MERELY FALL BACK UPON THE ACCUSTOMED FORMULA THAT OPERATIONS CONTINUE "ACCORDING TO PLAN."

Despite the huge effort the Germans are making it seems they have nothing concrete to report since their claim two days ago that Leningrad was under shell-fire.

Even if this claim is true it is not particularly significant, for it may be noted that Odessa, Tobruk, and even Dover, all along have been under German shell-fire but are far from being in German hands.

GERMANS RUSHING UP MORE TROOPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports received by Belgian circles in London yesterday declared that the Luxembourg railways are rushing reinforcements to the eastern front. — International News Service.

JAPANESE LEAVING SYRIA

THE JAPANESE CONSULATE-GENERAL AT BEIRUT, WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER SYRIA, LEBANON AND PALESTINE, WILL CLOSE TO-DAY OWING TO EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Consul-General, Mr. Salta, and the Vice-Consul are leaving Beirut.

Other Japanese officials and civilians have already left for Japan. — Reuter.

FENCES ARE PROGRESSIVELY CRUMBLING. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Nevertheless it would be foolish to underrate the seriousness of the German thrust on Leningrad and no doubt it is just because the Russians realise the strategic importance of that city that they are now exerting such strenuous efforts to defend it.

Should Leningrad fall any time before winter sets in, it might leave a section of the Nazi army free to sweep inwards towards Moscow, and in addition would give them in the port of Leningrad a valuable supply base free from mud and snow though not from ice, for it should be noted that the whole Gulf of Finland is ice covered throughout the winter months.

Formidable Defences

The defences which the Germans are now facing in Leningrad are formidable.

INDEED, THE THREE CONCENTRIC RINGS OF FORTIFICATIONS AROUND ITS SOUTH-EASTERN APPROACHES (THE ONLY DIRECTION FROM WHICH THE CITY CAN SERIOUSLY BE THREATENED) HAVE BEEN COMPARED IN STRENGTH WITH THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

They may not be impregnable but they will certainly exact a disastrous toll of German lives if the Nazis decide to try and take the city by storm.

Even if the Germans reach the very outskirts of this city of 3,000,000 inhabitants, their prospects are bleak.

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GERMANS ACTIVE IN BULGARIA

Travellers arriving in Ankara from Bulgaria report great German activity in Varna and Burgas. Rumours are circulating in Turkey that the German naval headquarters have moved from Sofia to Varna. — Reuter.

PWD MAN'S CONDITION CRITICAL

Mr. J. G. Campbell, Chartered Civil Engineer of the Public Works Department, who is suffering from the effects of poison, was stated at Kowloon Hospital this morning to be "still very critically ill."

Mr. Campbell was admitted to hospital last evening suffering from the effects of poison.

Asked if he could tell the nature of the poison, Dr. Uttley told the "China Mail": "I don't think so, not yet."

According to the police, Mr. Campbell's condition is "very grave." He was stated to be suffering from caustic poisoning.

Nazi Claims "Nonsense"

IT WAS STATED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY THAT THE GERMANS ARE NOWHERE NEAR THE SOUTH-EASTERN APPROACHES OF LENINGRAD, STILL LESS THE EASTERN APPROACHES.

WITHOUT THE CAPTURE OF THESE, IT IS POINTED OUT IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL, IT IS NONSENSE TO TALK OF THE CITY BEING ISOLATED, EVEN THOUGH SOME RAILWAYS MAY BE PUT OUT OF ACTION FOR A SHORT TIME. — REUTER.

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RED SUPREMACY IN THE AIR

Striking Analysis By Major-General Grendal

WHOLE OF LUFTWAFFE IN ACTION

"GERMANY HAS FLUNG ALMOST THE WHOLE OF THE LUFTWAFFE—FOUR AIR FLEETS AND ONE AIR CORPS—AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION," DECLARED A MAJOR-GENERAL GRENDAL, OF THE SOVIET AIR FORCE, IN AN ARTICLE IN "RED STAR" YESTERDAY.

"The first two months of the war against the Soviet Union have shown that the Germans have failed to achieve their chief aim—undisputed supremacy in the air.

"Aerial battles have proved definitely that the industry of Soviet aviation not only is not inferior to the corresponding German industry but on the contrary is superior to it in many ways.

"The enemy themselves are forced to admit the superior quality of our planes, and in particular that of our new fighter planes," the General continues.

"During the first two months of the war against the Soviet Union the Germans lost over 7,200 planes—an unheard of result in the history of aviation in general and the German air force in particular.

"In the course of the war our air force has destroyed over 2,000 Nazi planes on the ground. Our artillery is also inflicting on the enemy heavy losses.

"Nazi air formations are breaking up under the crushing attacks of our airmen.

Heavy Losses

"The 51st and 54th Bomber Squadrons of the Nazi Air Corps, commanded by General von Greim, lost during the first day of the war 30 per cent of their planes, and the 57th Squadron 50 per cent.

"The losses of the German air force were heaviest in the zones of operations of Generals Kesselring's and Stump's air fleets in the western and south-western directions.

"The Germans now are using chiefly Heinkel III's, Dornier 215's, Junkers 88's and Messerschmitt 109's.

"The Germans now are doing their utmost to speed up the output of their new fighters—the Heinkel 113.

Respect For Red Fighters

"Captured German pilots have made statements showing their very great respect for the new Soviet fighter, which they call I 17.

ANTI-NAZI INCIDENTS IN PARIS

The Swiss radio, under the title "New incidents in Paris," reports a fire alleged to have been started maliciously in a garage in the 16th Arrondissement in Paris which was requisitioned by the Germans.

Firemen extinguished the fire and investigators found in the garage bombs which had not exploded.

In the Eiffel Tower quarter revolver shots were fired at a German soldier who was slightly wounded.

In the Bourse district a German civilian was ill-treated, the Swiss radio adds.—Reuter.

M. EGAL GREETED

RODERICK EGAL, LEADER OF FREE FRENCH IN SHANGHAI, NOW IN SINGAPORE, WAS RECEIVED ON SATURDAY BY ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, BRITISH NAVAL FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, AND BY AIR CHIEF-MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FAR EAST, WHO CONGRATULATED HIM ON HIS RELEASE.

During the interview, which lasted half an hour and which took place at the naval base in the presence of Charles Baron, General de Gaulle's delegate in Singapore, the Vice-Admiral and Air Chief Marshal expressed sympathy towards the Free French movement.—Reuter.

pelled to reduce the scale of its military operations.

Radius Of Action Reduced

"IT IS IN THE LIGHT OF THESE FACTS THAT ONE SHOULD EVALUATE THE LOSSES OF HITLER'S AIR FORCE IN THE WAR AGAINST THE U.S.S.R.

"At present the German air force is forced to reduce its radius of action and transfer its units from one direction of the front to another.

"Even when working at full capacity Germany's aeroplane factories are unable to replace her rapidly increasing losses.

"On the other hand our inexhaustible strength is growing from day to day."—Reuter.

MAJOR DECLARATION OF POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The broadcast which President Roosevelt is expected to deliver on Thursday may be a major declaration of American policy and will presumably cover the Atlantic situation in the light of the "Greer" incident and the Pacific situation, in which the American-Japanese talks are now stalled.

Translations of the speech will be transmitted over short-wave in 14 languages.—International News Service.

GIFTS FOR BOMBERS

A gift of £105,762 from Malayan mines towards a bomber fund has been gratefully acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production.

Other gifts include £5,250 from the citizens of Harrow (Middlesex) towards their Spitfire Fund and a further contribution of £30,000 from the Madras Governor's War Fund.

Madras has now contributed £289,954 towards a bomber squadron. They have already given £600,000 for three fighter squadrons.—British Wireless.

THE AXIS SHIPPING LOSSES

APART FROM THE FACT THAT, AS STATED BY THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY RECENTLY, OUT OF A GRAND TOTAL OF 13,000,000 TONS OF MERCHANT SHIPPING OF THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES, OVER 7,000,000 HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM THE AXIS CLUTCHES TO PLAY A PART IN THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC, THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE EFFECTIVE USE OF PORTS AND SHIPPING WHICH THEY HAVE ACTUALLY CAPTURED.

From Kirkenes to Stavanger and from Den Helder to La Pallice, from Genoa to Palermo and from Catania to Taranto, British aircraft and warships are constantly attacking bases of Axis coastwise shipping, while on the sea itself Axis shipping is suffering losses far greater in proportion than those suffered by Britain in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Six million tons of shipping originally owned by the occupied territories, added to the German total of a little under 4½ million tons, makes just under 11 million tons.

Adding to this the merchant shipping tonnage of Italy, a little under 3½ million tons, there is a grand total of 14 million tons of shipping available for the Axis.

Of this four million tons has now been captured, sunk or scuttled, so that the Axis has already lost two-sevenths, of which a considerable proportion, far from being a dead loss, has been added to the total employed by the British.—British Wireless.

ADMIRAL LEAHY

Admiral Leahy, U.S. Ambassador to Vichy, left Toulouse on his way to Barcelona on Saturday morning.—Reuter.

WIDESPREAD R.A.F. RAIDS IN LIBYA

FURTHER WIDESPREAD and successful R.A.F. raids in Libya and the destruction of a number of enemy aircraft on the ground, were announced in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued yesterday.

The communique says that in Libya R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked shipping alongside the Spanish Quay at Tripoli on the night of September 5/6.

A medium-sized merchantman was hit by a bomb and many direct hits were obtained on the quay.

Other R.A.F. bombers raided a number of objectives in Cyrenaica. At Derna large fires broke out and in one of these an explosion took place, followed by showers of sparks.

A number of enemy aircraft on the ground are believed to have been destroyed.

Night Fighters Over Suez

A motor transport camp south of Derna was also attacked and fires resulted from our bombing.

At Martuba bombs fell among dispersed aircraft and motor transport and the glow of fires could be seen all over the target area.

Other attacks were made on Bardia and the aerodrome at El Adem.

During the night of September

6/7 enemy aircraft tried to raid the Suez Canal area. Our night fighters shot down two raiders and damaged others.

From all these operations one of our aircraft is missing.—Reuter.

RELATIONS RESUMED

GREECE AND RUSSIA ARE TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHICH WERE INTERRUPTED BY THE GERMAN INVASION OF THE BALKANS.

A Greek delegation, representing the Government of M. Tsouderos, will leave Istanbul next week for Moscow led by M. Pipinellis, former Greek Minister to the Soviet, who will remain in Moscow as Minister, presenting his letters of credence to Stalin in the name of King George of Greece.—Reuter.

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CHEMICAL WORKS BOMBED

THE FULL STORY OF THE LATEST R.A.F. RAID ON THE RHINELAND WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE IN LONDON.

It related that although there was a moon and clear sky over western Germany, the target was found only after skilful navigation. It was the chemical works at Huls, just north of the Ruhr, an important plant for the manufacture of buna, or synthetic rubber, with which Germany planned to make the army and air force independent of the blockade.

One Whitley pilot circled and criss-crossed over the whole area for an hour and a half before the navigator was certain that the right place was located.

Then he saw his bombs explode among buildings and several fires spring up.

Other crews had similar experiences. Searchlights were everywhere—one pilot dived within 100 feet of the ground to escape them—and anti-aircraft fire was intense.

"Rattling Bones"

One Canadian on his return described shrapnel fragments rattling against the bomber as like "a dinky dancer rattling the bones."

Many Nazi night fighters were seen.

A Messerschmitt 110 attacked a Wellington from astern and then passed underneath.

The Wellington's front gunner opened fire but the Nazi returned for another attack.

Then both front and rear gunners fired.

There was no answer from the Messerschmitt which dived straight down "damaged, probably destroyed," as the crew said in their report.

The plant was subjected to a heavy bombardment often only from a few thousand feet, and many crews reported hits on the dead centre of the target and among storage tanks.

Fires were started emitting dense clouds of smoke.—Reuter.

SCIENTISTS TO GATHER

Representatives of Britain and the Empire, the U.S.A., the Soviet and China will meet at a three-day scientific conference in London from September 26 to 28.

The conference "will demonstrate the common purpose of men of science in ensuring a post-war order in which the maximum benefits of science will be secured for all people."

Mr. John Winant, M. Ivan Malsky and Dr. Wellington Koo, the U.S., Russian and Chinese Ambassadors, respectively, will preside at some of the sessions.

Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France will be represented and exiled scientists from Germany and Austria will probably also be present.—Reuter.

BIGGER AND BETTER BOMBERS FOR R.A.F.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Army is moving to create the world's largest fleet of long-range sub-stratosphere bombers and has let contracts totalling \$347,000,000 for new Flying Fortresses.

The new craft are larger and more powerful than the type the R.A.F. is now using and will prove more effective in bombing Germany.—International News Service.

AUSTRALIA'S DESTINY

"We rejoice that the Russians are fighting so magnificently, but Russia cannot hope to defeat the Germans in Germany and bring her to her knees," declared Mr. W. M. Hughes, Minister for Navy, in a speech at Melbourne yesterday. "Australia's destiny depends on her ability to achieve unity." —Reuter.

THE PAGE MISSION

SIR EARLE PAGE, WHO SHORTLY IS COMING TO LONDON TO REPRESENT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, ISSUED A STATEMENT IN SYDNEY YESTERDAY REGARDING HIS MISSION.

He said: "My function will be to establish personal Cabinet liaison between the two Governments. I am still responsible to the Australian Parliament and people."

"The primary purpose of my mission will be the presentation of the Australian viewpoint in certain major problems for maintaining the system of direct Cabinet representation in London."—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT A RECORD

MR. A. W. FADDEN, Prime Minister, in a broadcast in Sydney yesterday, reviewing the two years of war, said that Australia's war effort is rapidly gaining strength.

"With pride, I claim that never before has a country of 7,000,000 people done so much in two short years. During the current year, Australia is devoting 32 per cent. of its total resources directly to the war effort," Mr. Fadden said.

"On this day of national prayer, we have dedicated ourselves once more to the supreme task of defeating the forces of evil."

Mr. Fadden added that at least one in four Australians of fighting age were serving with the fighting forces namely 400,000 in the navy, army and air force.

Within another two years the figure will exceed 600,000 in addition to 200,000 engaged directly or indirectly in the production of munitions, war equipment and war supplies.

The naval personnel had increased threefold and the air force personnel seventeenfold.

Vital Year

Mr. Fadden paid a fine tribute to Mr. Menzies, his predecessor as Prime Minister, who, he said,

gave himself unselfishly to his country in one of its most difficult periods.

Mr. Fadden added: "The third year of war will probably determine if civilisation, already bruised and battered, is to survive. That is why Australians, with the free people of the world, are relentless in their determination to sweep Hitler and his followers into oblivion." —Reuter.

AUSSIE-LEGATION

The First Secretary of the Australian Legation in Chungking arrived by air on Saturday afternoon from Rangoon. He was met at the airfield by representatives of the British Embassy and the Chinese Foreign Office.—Reuter.

TURK-NAZI TRADE TALKS HANDICAPS

MR. NUMAN Menemendjoglu, Secretary-General of the Turkish Foreign Office, is reported to be ill and is not expected to be able to conduct the trade negotiations with Clodius, the German Trade Chief, and his mission.

It is thought that Cevet Ackkalin, third man in the Foreign Office, will be the chief Turkish delegate. The German mission, which is due to arrive at Ankara to-day, is headed by Minister and Counsellor Baron Sueskindschwendt and Reichmann, but Clodius himself is not expected until later, probably after the recovery of Menemendjoglu.

It is learned in Turkish business circles that the Germans are likely to press for chrome which Germany does not need at the present, but wants to purchase in order to strike a diplomatic blow at Britain who, according to an agreement which, however, expires shortly unless renewed, was granted the right to purchase all of Turkey's exportable surplus chrome.

The Smags

Dr. Clodius, head of the German Trade Commission to Turkey, has now arrived in Istanbul by air at the head of a large delegation including nine economic experts and is proceeding to-day to Ankara, where the trade talks will be held.

The Turkish delegates will be headed by Kishmir, Counsellor of the Ministry of Commerce.

It is believed that the new agreement envisages transactions valued at about £20,000,000 based on a barter system.

In view of the defects in the means of transport and the considerable difficulties in communications on land and sea, it is considered that the Germans will be unable to derive all the advantages hoped for from the agreement.—Reuter.

MR. MACKENZIE KING BACK

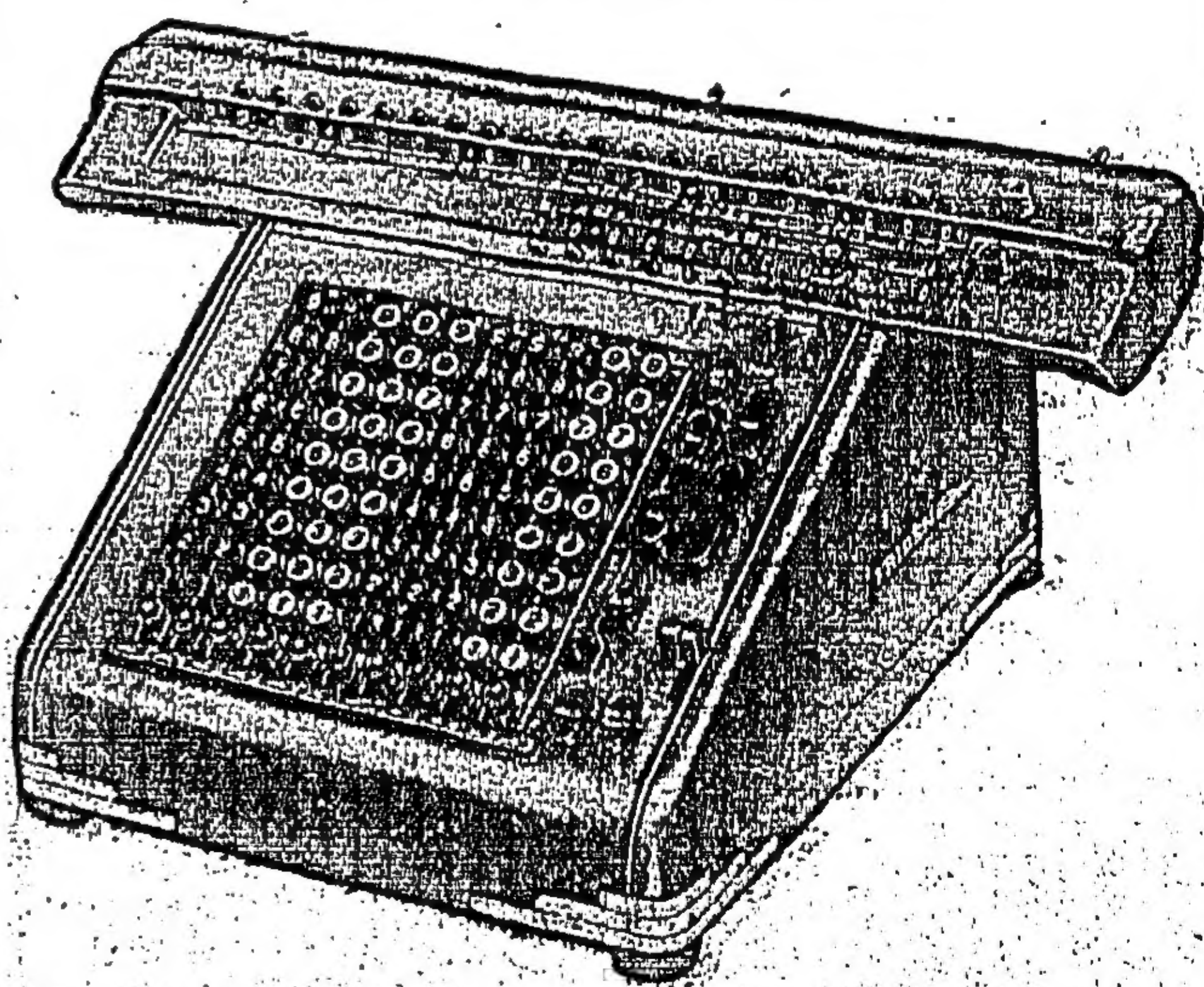
Mr. Mackenzie King arrived in Montreal from London yesterday. When he alighted from a transport plane of the R.A.F. Ferry Command, he was greeted by Mr. La Pointe, Minister of Justice, and Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions.—Reuter.

AFRAID TO LOSE FACE

The arrival of two American tankers at Vladivostok, with oil for Russia, has not so far been reported by any Japanese newspaper as the result of action taken by Japanese censorship, according to reports reaching Shanghai.—Reuter.

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AMERICA NEEDS MORE WORKERS

After nearly two weeks inspecting a wide variety of defence industries from the Atlantic seaboard to the Mississippi valley, one gets an extremely encouraging picture of America's gigantic defence production machine as it is about to shift into higher gear.

Simultaneously one obtains a clearer understanding of those elements which are preventing or will prevent, American industries from turning out their maximum quotas of planes, tanks, guns and other military equipment, while thousands of millions of dollars' worth of appropriations pile up.

Industries Problems

Among the retarding elements are: The insatiable demand for machine tools and gauges.

Labour disputes and strikes. Near shortages or threatened shortages of raw materials such as magnesium, aluminium or structural steel.

Shortage of trained man-power. Of these four elements, oddly enough, the one which attracts the least attention to-day yet may well prove most detrimental in the long run, is the last.

In hundreds of key plants and factories from coast to coast hundreds of thousands of new workers must soon be found, and in the opinion of some of the best qualified observers they can be found only among two classes of America's population—women and the American negroes.

The only industrial leader who has spoken out about women's coming role in defence manufacturing is Mr. Lawrence Bell, president of the Bell Aircraft Corporation. He declared recently:

"I think we shall be employing women on a large scale before very long in American industry. There is no reason why about 40 per cent. of the work cannot be done, and done very satisfactorily, by women."

After a close look at our defence industries, I am convinced that war conditions and national welfare, as well as simple justice make it imperative that American negroes also be given the opportunity to work in our defence plants.

CALL TO BRITISH JEWS

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. H. Hertz, is issuing a call to all Jewish communities throughout the British Empire to join in a "Week of Re-dedication" in the period culminating on the Day of Atonement.

Rabbi Hertz is to inaugurate the Week by broadcast addresses on September 21 and 22.—Reuter.

Hitler And His Dog

The Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper, "Efe," sends a graphic description of Hitler's headquarters about which silence hitherto has been maintained.

Hitler's headquarters is no longer in the train which has been seen in newsreels.

"Difficulties of railway communications necessitated a change to a group of lorries which were transformed into a kind of automobile encampment," says the correspondent, adding: "The camp is always pitched near a mountain or wood so that Hitler can take solitary walks, as he is accustomed to at Berchtesgaden."

"At present it is near a large wood where Hitler can be alone with a dog. A thousand precautions have been taken to keep the situation secret."

"Mail is sent by air to different aerodromes and then by car to the camp."

"The Press Chief, Dietrich, has a special mobile office where world news is received so that Hitler is kept informed of current events." — Reuter.

MAKING WIVES INDEPENDENT

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, spoke about post-war conditions when he was the guest at a luncheon in London of the Foreign Press Association.

"We shall not be able to sit back and take things easily," he said. "The common man will want something different."

"What shall we do with the airman, these young fellows who have gone up into the air alone or with a few friends, depending on their own initiative, courage and adaptability for physical survival?"

"There is going to be a problem, too, about the women. After the last war they achieved political emancipation, but their work in the last war was child's play compared with what they have done in this among the bombs. The women at the end of this war are going to be a handful."

"You can do quite revolutionary things in this country provided you describe them in Conservative language," he added. "Nearly all the socialisation of services we have accomplished has been done by Conservative Governments."

SYRIAN TALKS

The Free French Leader in the Near East, General Catroux, has proceeded to Aleppo for consultations with leading personalities concerning Syria's future.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC

SIR FREDERICK EGGLESTON, FIRST AUSTRALIAN MINISTER TO CHUNGKING, ARRIVED IN SINGAPORE YESTERDAY. HE STATED: "THE POLICY OF MY APPOINTMENT IS GRADUALLY TO EXTEND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION OF AUSTRALIA TO ALL COUNTRIES IN THE PACIFIC WITH WHICH WE HAVE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT."

"This does not involve any breach if we are in unity with the British Commonwealth of Nations. Those appointed will regard their task as one of cooperation with the British Ministers."

"It is of course true that Australia may have different interests on certain points but there will be constant consultation so as to beat out a common policy." — Reuter.

CRUISERS LAUNCHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"). The 6,000-ton cruiser "Atlanta" was launched at the Kearney (N.J.) shipyards, being the first ship to take the water since the Navy took over the yards.

Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone with the Wind," performed the launching ceremony. In addition to the "Atlanta," another cruiser, the "San Juan," was launched yesterday. Both ships are capable of high speed.—International News Service.

BLENHEIMS BLOW UP A NAZI SHIP

An escort vessel was blown up and a supply ship set on fire off the Dutch coast yesterday, according to an Air Ministry communique in London which states:—

"Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked an enemy supply ship and escort vessel off the Dutch coast early this afternoon."

"The escort vessel was hit and blew up. The escort's supply ship was set on fire."

"An enemy fighter was destroyed by our escorting fighters."

"Our fighters also carried out several offensive sweeps over Northern France in the course of which they destroyed a second enemy fighter."

"In these operations we lost two Blenheims and two fighters." — Reuter.

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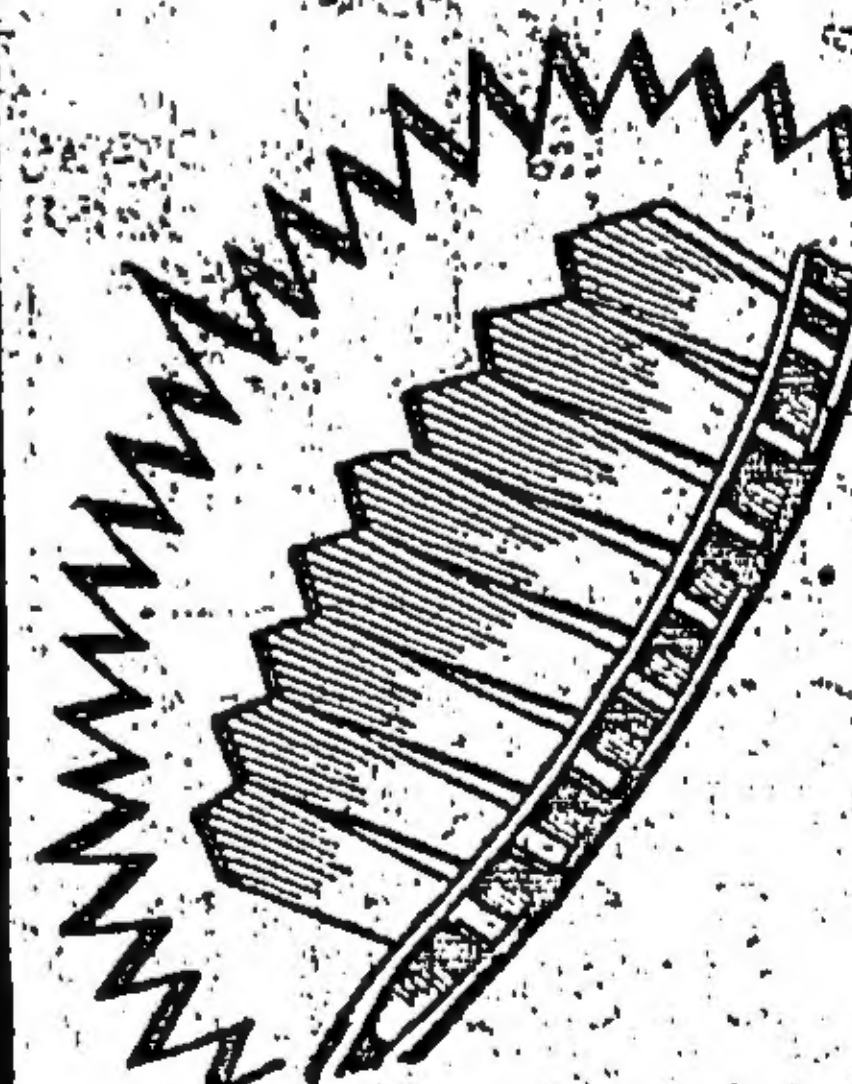
FINNISH, HUNGARIAN AND RUMANIAN SAWMILLS ARE BUSY PRODUCING THOUSANDS OF STANDARDISED HUTS WHICH THE GERMANS ORDERED FOR USE IN RUSSIA DURING THE WINTER.

The need for huts was demonstrated in a film of the Russian war which the German Embassy recently showed to Turkish journalists who were amazed by the fact that they saw not a single hut standing throughout the film.

The huts are being made without windows, with an air-space between the inner walls in order to keep out the intense cold.—Reuter.

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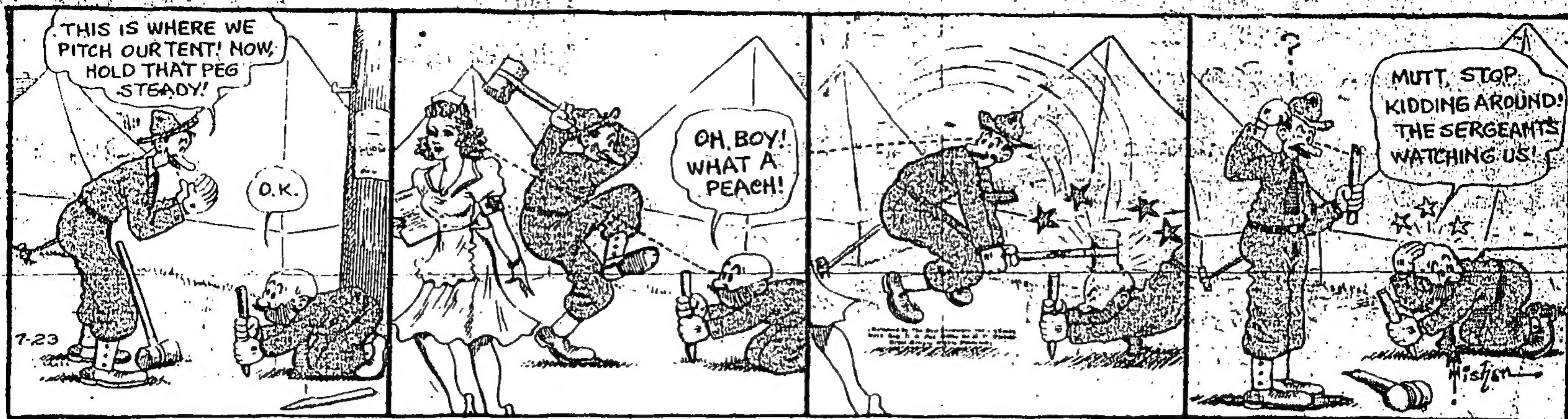


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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS are generally supposed to be "too slow for words." Well, here is one that works too fast for the public.

It is the War Damage Commission for the Midland Region, whose offices are in Easy Row, Birmingham.

The manager told the "Daily Mirror": "The public work much too slowly for us. We are waiting to pay out claims for war damage, but there are hundreds who have not filled in their claim forms that we have sent them.

"They seem scared of the questions and carefully study the form as though it were income tax.

"Afraid To Answer"

"Many of the forms come back to us only half completed because claimants are afraid to answer the questions and think we are out to trick them.

"We have to send the forms back, which wastes much time. It is the public who are holding us up. Our examiners are up to date in their examinations of war damage in their city.

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People who are homeless get first consideration.

BRITISH WOMAN IN GESTAPO PRISON

Miss May James, former head of the Y.W.C.A. in Paris, who was detained by the Germans last year on a charge of espionage, is still in the Cherche Midi prison, Paris.

A friend who visited her recently came away full of admiration for her spirit and courage.

"After months in a tiny cell, furnished only with bed, table and stool, Miss James is still calm and smiling," he said. "She never utters a word of complaint."

ETON OUTFIT DILEMMA

The Eton College boy's full regulation outfit, not including special sports and club blazers, waist-coats or white flannels, would require nearly 300 coupons, according to sums I did in the shops of an Eton hosier, a tailor and a shoemaker, writes a reporter.

"The clothes rationing order spells disaster for us," the manager of one of these firms said to me. "Most of the shops in the High-street depend on the college for about two-thirds of their trade."

Mr. G. W. Bayley, manager of W. V. Brown, hosiers, said that the regulation order, costing about £20, from a new Etonian to his shop would be three pairs of pyjamas, six regulation shirts, six collars, three suits of underwear, six pairs of socks, four pairs of stockings, 12 handkerchiefs and one dressing-gown. That works out at 146 coupons, over twice the annual ration allowance.

Required from a tailor such as Mr. R. Hartley (W. A. Stimson, Ltd.) would be two suits, an overcoat, a change overcoat or blazer for games, two pairs of grey flannel trousers and two pairs of shorts, making 107 coupons.

Old Kit Useful

On the other hand, it has to be remembered that in the case of very few new boys is it necessary to purchase a new outfit complete. Mr. A. E. Coneybear, Lower Master of the college, said he thought that kit sent back by old boys would be welcomed.

"A great deal of school clothing is handed down already," he said, "but I suppose still more will be now. I don't know whether we shall do away with the traditional clothes or not. I rather hope not. If we do, it may be for good."

BABY LOCKED UP ALL DAY

Allegations that a baby girl of four was left alone in a locked flat each day for a week while the mother went to work, were made at East London Juvenile Court.

The baby—who appeared as a child being in need of care and attention—was stated to have been found in the mother's flat screaming and clawing at the window in an effort to get out.

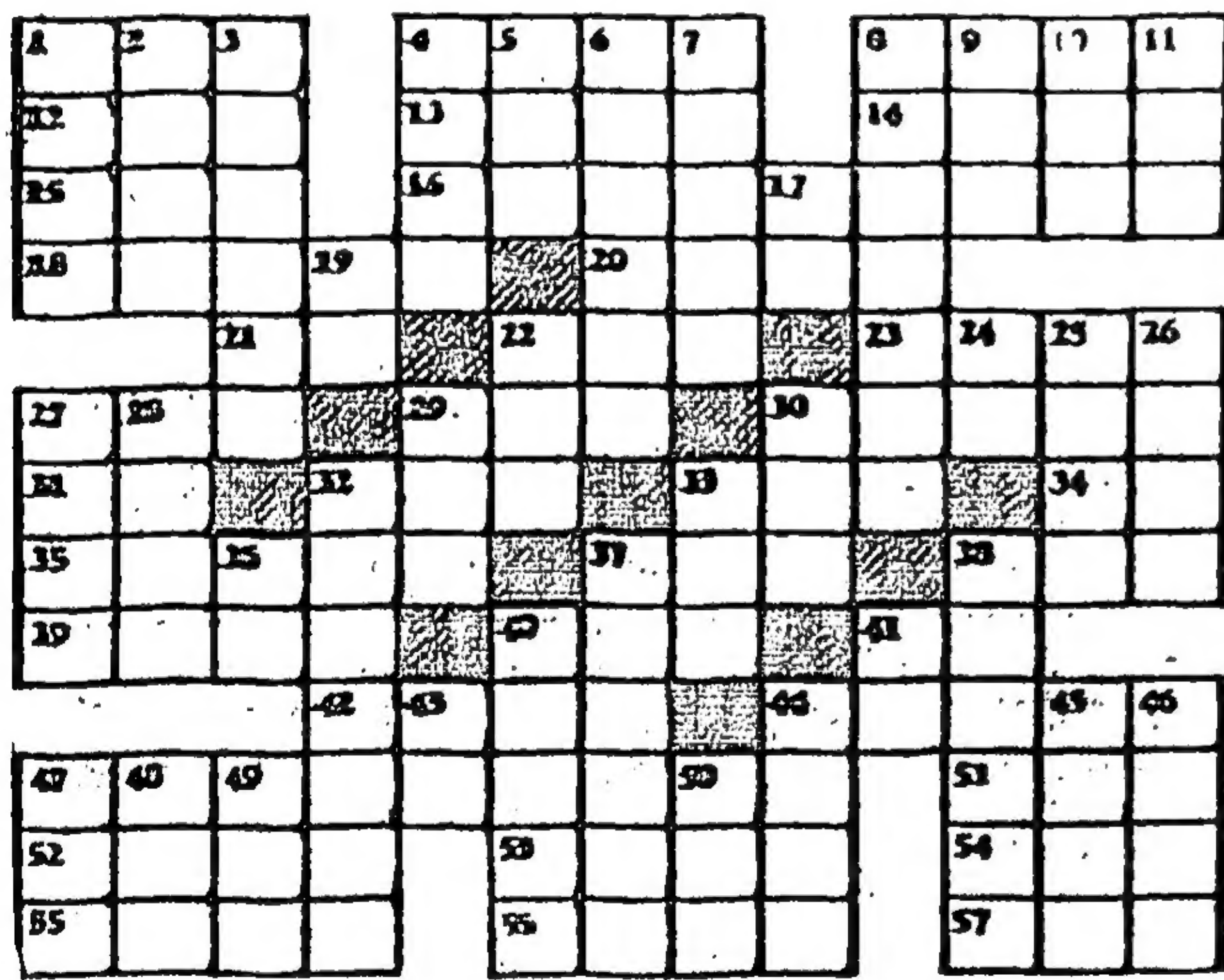
A medical report showed that the child had been terrified through being locked up. The case was adjourned for fourteen days, it being stated that the mother would appear before another Court.

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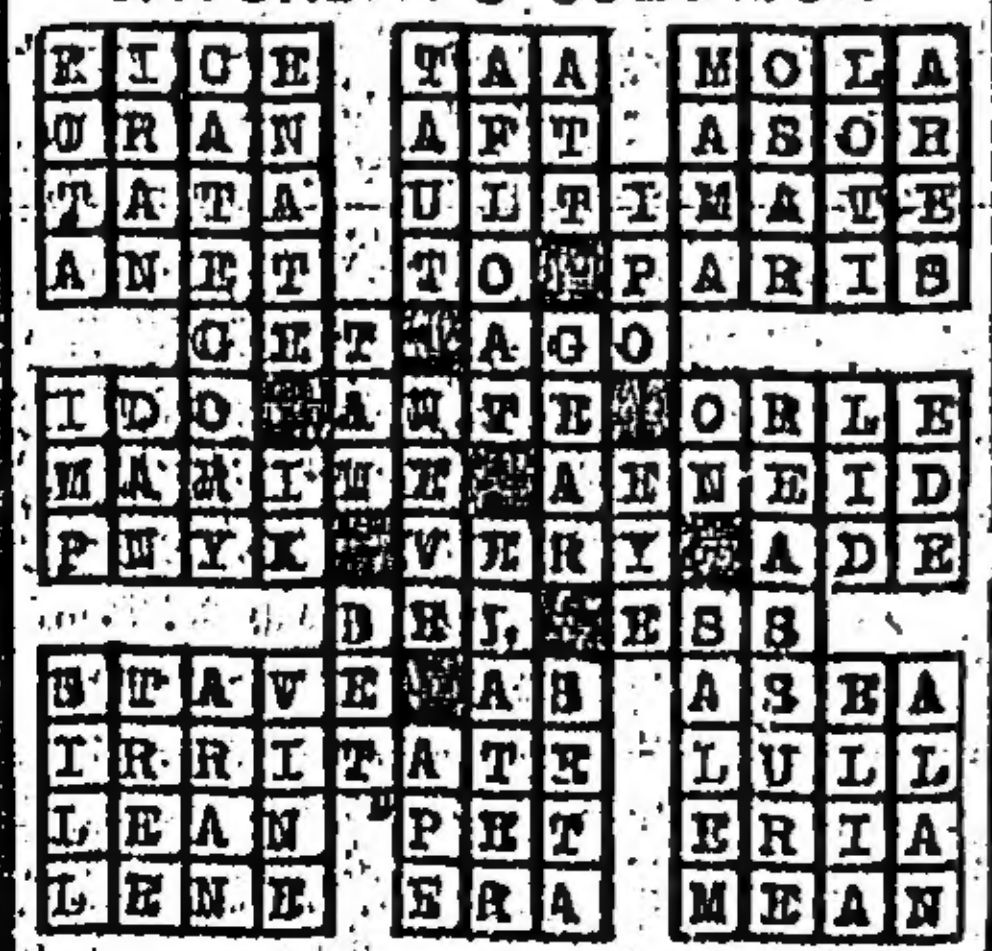
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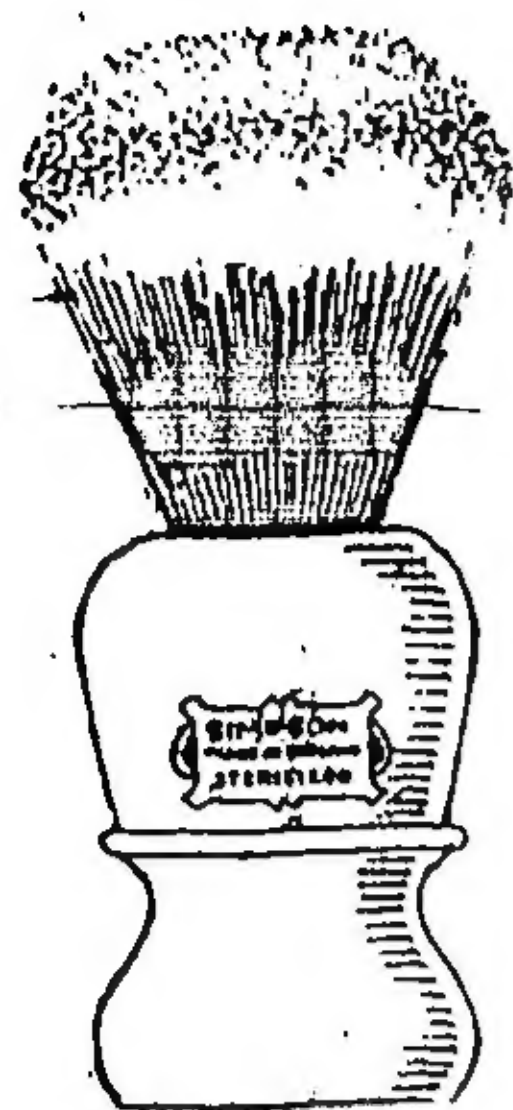
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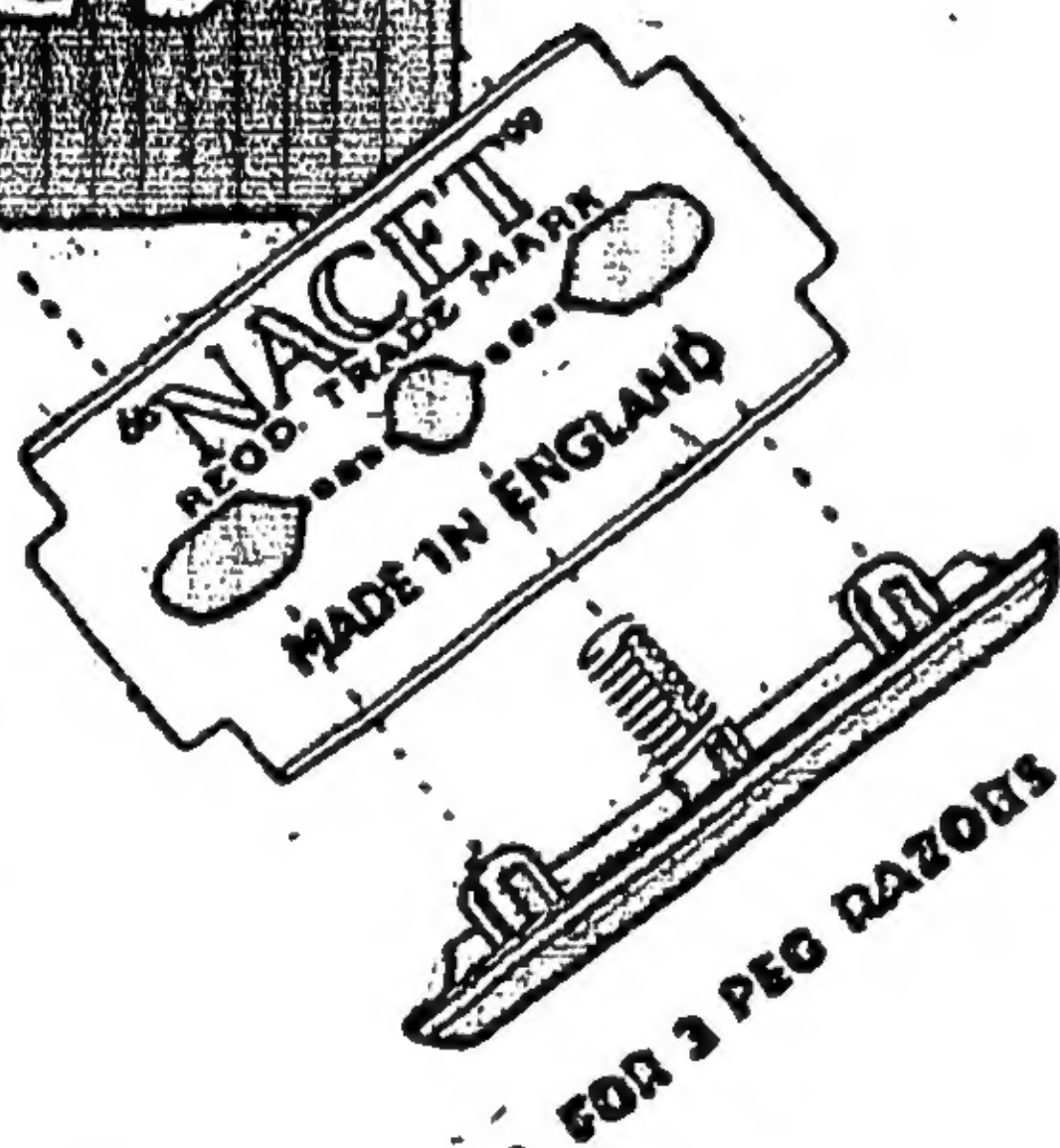
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U.S. PLANNING TO BEAT SHIP RECORD

SUCH IS THE FEVERISH activity in the shipyards on the Atlantic, the Pacific, the Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes that the United States seems to have borrowed the British slogan and to be determined to prove that America, too, can "deliver the goods."

The "ugly ducklings," as the new cargo boats now being built for Britain are called, are welded ships. But even wooden vessels from Maine's once idle shipyards are among the devices by means of which it is hoped to keep pace with the losses in the Battle of the Atlantic and elsewhere.

On paper the present programme is less spectacular than the one that this country adopted when it entered the last war, but the men in charge of it hope and believe it will prove more effective.

Speed Is Essential

Rear-Admiral Emory Land, who, as chairman of the Maritime Commission, is supervising this mercantile shipbuilding effort, told Congress that under the last war emergency programme the United States "built 2,300 ships, and not one of them got into service during the war." His present aim is to get the ships ready in time.

President Roosevelt himself emphasised the need for speed when he said that the 2,000,000 gross tons of cargo ships and oil tankers being made available to Britain from the vast shipping pool assembled during the past few weeks are not enough.

"Since the Appropriation Act was passed," the President declared, \$550,000,000 has been allocated for the construction of new ships under the Lease and Lend Act. Contracts have been let and the new shipways required to build these ships are now nearing completion."

Rising Production

Detailed estimates are military secrets, but as things stand it is hoped that the United States will turn out at least 1,250,000 gross tons this year, that the output will rise to 2,500,000 gross tons next year, and that by the middle of 1943 the annual rate of production will have reached 5,000,000 gross tons. The total for 1940 was 540,000 gross tons.

Deliveries of 60 cargo boats ordered by British before the Maritime Commission began placing its emergency orders will start at the end of the present year. There are "ugly ducklings" designed for quick and easy construction.

Some commentators maintain that all this does not compare with the American programme in the last war, when the construction of more than 11,000,000 gross tons of merchant shipping was projected. But if the present plans are carried out successfully the record of actual achievement may well prove to be a much better one.

Half a million gross tons were turned out in 1916; nearly 1,000,000 in 1917, more than 3,000,000 in 1918, and more than 4,000,000 in 1919.

Naval Building Programme

Moreover, the United States is now building naval vessels on a scale that is without precedent in any country. Apart from hundreds of small craft some 250 warships are due to be completed by 1947 at the immense cost, including the provision of new shipbuilding facilities, of \$2,000,000,000.

Naturally this work occupies many of the country's yards and skilled workers. It is felt that it is just as important to strengthen the Fleet as it is to produce mercantile bottoms, but it is a fact that in the last war shipyards with a great many shipways were constructed on a much greater scale than is proposed at present.

When the emergency programme was launched in 1917 the United States had 61 yards and 215 shipways. At the end of that war there were 341 yards and 1,284 shipways — that is, more than twice the total of the

rest of the world. At the beginning of the present emergency construction programme the United States had 51 yards and 119 shipways. Some 150 additional shipways are now under construction and at least 50 to 60 more are projected.

Cost Of Ships

In its first comprehensive survey of the programme, the Maritime Commission places the cost of the 705 merchantmen "built building or under contract" at \$406,000,000.

It estimates that expenditure on new facilities, such as additional shipways, will exceed \$21,000,000 to bring the total cost of the programme to nearly \$428,000,000.

These figures exclude construction not being supervised by the Commission, a category which includes the 60 "ugly ducklings" ordered by the British Government and 86 vessels of various types built privately. If these 146 ships are included, the total number of merchantmen "built, building or under contract" is increased to 851. Since 91 ships have been delivered under the Maritime Commission's long-range programme, 760 are now being built or on order.

Equal To Last War

The report has been received with the comment that in many respects the effort of to-day is equaling and in some respects is ahead of the last war programme, "which startled everyone, including Americans, by its scope."

Discussing the report, Captain Granville Conway, the Maritime Commission's director in the New York district, points out that, ship for ship, the present production is far superior to that of the last war. "One of our C-3 ships," he said, "is worth eight, and possibly ten, old composite or wooden ships, and in carrying power based on speed, loading equipment and capacity is far

GLAMOROUS BOY BLUE

A pair of glamorous satin knickers were being raffled by the W.R.N.S. at a naval town for a Blitz Fund.

To promote ticket sales, it was stated that the winner of the "knicks" would parade in them.

Naval boys bought nearly all the tickets. A sailor won the coveted "pants," so the parade was off.

PRISONER'S PEOPLE ESCAPE

A 20-year-old labourer escaped from the prisoners' waiting room at Lambeth Police-court recently. Shortly before his case was to be heard by the magistrate, Mr. Geoffrey Rose, a crash of glass was heard in court. The man had climbed 20ft up a rope to the skylight and kicked a hole in the glass. He climbed on the roof and then took a flying leap to a sloping roof in Brook Street Hospital grounds many feet below and vanished. The man was accused of shopbreaking and stealing, or receiving costumes value £24.

superior even to the best ships we built then.

"Our new ships have more hatches and better loading equipment, so that two gangs can unload or load at a hatch at one time. That adds to the ship's speed, which is in any case superior."

It is predicted that America's ship production will really swing into high gear by next March. From that time on the rate of production will rise steadily, and unless the Nazis greatly increase the rate at which they are destroying Allied shipping the democracies should begin to move towards achieving that margin of superiority which Mr. Ronald Cross believes we may hope to attain towards the end of 1942.

GOT FIVE ME'S IN A DAY

A NEWCOMER, 25, to a famous Polish squadron opened his score in the first offensive sweep by shooting down one Me. 109 and probably a second.

In the second sweep of that day he destroyed three — the third one he rammed, cutting off its tail with the propeller of his Spitfire after all his ammunition had gone.

He is now in hospital suffering from a cut forehead and a broken collar-bone.

His squadron was acting as escort in an attack on a target in Northern France.

When fifty miles inside France at 14,000ft. an Me. 109 flew in to attack.

Wheeling round he fired five bursts with his cannon. The third burst blew the enemy into tiny pieces.

The Polish pilot was about to take up his position in the squadron when he saw a 109 attack a compatriot.

Rammed It

He fired two short bursts at the Me. 109 which started a dog

fight. When the Me. turned away, the Polish pilot chased after him. A short burst sent the enemy down.

Again the pilot tried to rejoin his squadron, but was attacked by another Me. 109.

When the Pole realised that he had run out of ammunition he rammed the 109, cutting the whole of the tail unit with his airscrew.

His windscreen was covered with oil and a broken fragment from the enemy got him in the face. He made for the English coast, blinded by the blood which poured from the wound.

The aircraft struck a telegraph pole and he broke a collar-bone.

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MAGIC LETTERS

When the history of this war comes to be written, a chapter may well be devoted to the part played in the conflict by symbols and letters of the alphabet. Much may be written about the psychological effect of the perverted swastika, the disturbing hammer and sickle, and the inspiring cross of Lorraine. Among letters that will live in an imperishable combination, signifying epic heroism, are R.A.F. And on the same plane will be the single letter "V." The campaign which swept through enslaved Europe on July 20, 1941, will be remembered long after men forget the epitaph, "Here Lies Joseph Goebbels." In spite of not too subtle Nazi attempts at adopting the symbol, it has escaped contamination. "V" stands for Victory in several languages, and for Victory in a sense that is entirely foreign to the present German Government's conception of "Sieg."

There is not much virtue in the letter "V" divorced from this idea of victory over the forces of evil. It is true "V" stands for valour. But it also stands for violence and vice; for vagabondage and vagrancy; vagueness and vanity; vampirism and vandalism; vacillation and vacuity; vassalage, venom, vermin, vultures, vituperation, vitriol, vulgarity — and Vichy. All these unlovely things that begin with "V" were thrust out of our minds when the one great "V" that stands for the overthrow of Hitler appeared. It was fortunate that the Fuehrer's father, when he changed his own name from Schickelgruber to something more Aryan, did not also re-christen his offspring Adolf with some such name as Viktor. Anyway, Hitler has no use for the letter "V." His whole faith is pinned to the sinister initial, "H."

While Britain launched the "V" campaign, it has been said that she should attach more importance to the letter "W," which stands for Work, as the best expression of the Will to Win. Incidentally, there is not only a "W," but the full word "Win" in her Prime Minister's first name. This may be hailed as another portent of victory, at a time when names, words and letters mean so much. It has also been noted that three great Americans have recently visited Britain in this order: "Welles, Will-

Experts are evidently people who arouse deep feelings of respect or resentment. Some recent observations concerning the modern cult of experts brought a number of comments most of which were written, so to speak, at the top of the voice. There was a general show of strong emotion on the subject, so strong that I believe some explanations to be due.

The kind of thing against which I was protesting was the endless iteration of such words as "expert" in order to mesmerise the ordinary person and crush them with a sense of hopeless ignorance and inferiority. Just after I had written there appeared in a popular paper a perfect specimen of what I had in mind. The article was called "Each Housewife a Mrs. Beeton," a silly enough title since Mrs. Beeton was a lady who notoriously "took a dozen eggs" whenever she felt inclined and cooked with an extravagance which would have been absurd in 1939 and is wholly impossible in 1940. With every housewife striving to be a Beeton we should soon lose the war.

But let the lavish lady and her dozen eggs pass. The second caption announced that in home kitchens "Ministry Experts" would "Show How." The first line of the opening paragraph alluded to the coming of these "nattily dressed experts." Then we read that the housewife would "lend her kitchen to a Ministry expert," and that "the expert" would arrive to take over. There are, apparently, 4,000 of these "experts" at large (are tax-payers sustaining this entire legion as well as Cooper's Snooper?) and they realise that "housewives in the poor districts do not always respond to the Mrs. Beeton touch." Considering Mrs. Beeton's brisk way with ingredients, this is good news for the Food Controller. Even better news is the announcement that housewives have sometimes actually given hints to the experts. One has always a certain sympathy for the fox that bites the M.F.H.

The object of this propaganda, which crams the word "expert"

like and Winant. Take the first two letters of the first of these names and the first three of the second and third, and you have the reassuring words, "We Will Win."

into every line, is obviously so to impress and tow the wretched commoner that he or she will begin to believe in the omniscience of the "nattily dressed" 4,000 and swallow anything in their jargons as well as anything in their saucepans. The expert cult is, in fact, a minor cousin of the dictator cult, which is the present scourge of the world. Its job is to abolish self-reliance and to substitute for it an abject state of credulity and meekness before instructors. Of course instruction is a necessary part of

By
Ivor Brown

life, but the best teachers are usually those who carry themselves modestly, have a sense of humour, a power of self-criticism, and do not present themselves with the high title of "expert" when they are teaching their grandmother to boil eggs.

In the authoritarian State the expert launched by a Government department is a natural implement of policy. He is part of the whole apparatus of public hypnotism. Democracies have properly been shy of such creatures, and in Britain we insist that each Government department, however large and learned its staff of experts, shall be ruled at the top by a politician who comes fresh to the job, either from his own private profession or from another Government office. This may seem a curious way of doing things, yet it does, on the whole, work out fairly well, provided the man in question has natural ability and common sense.

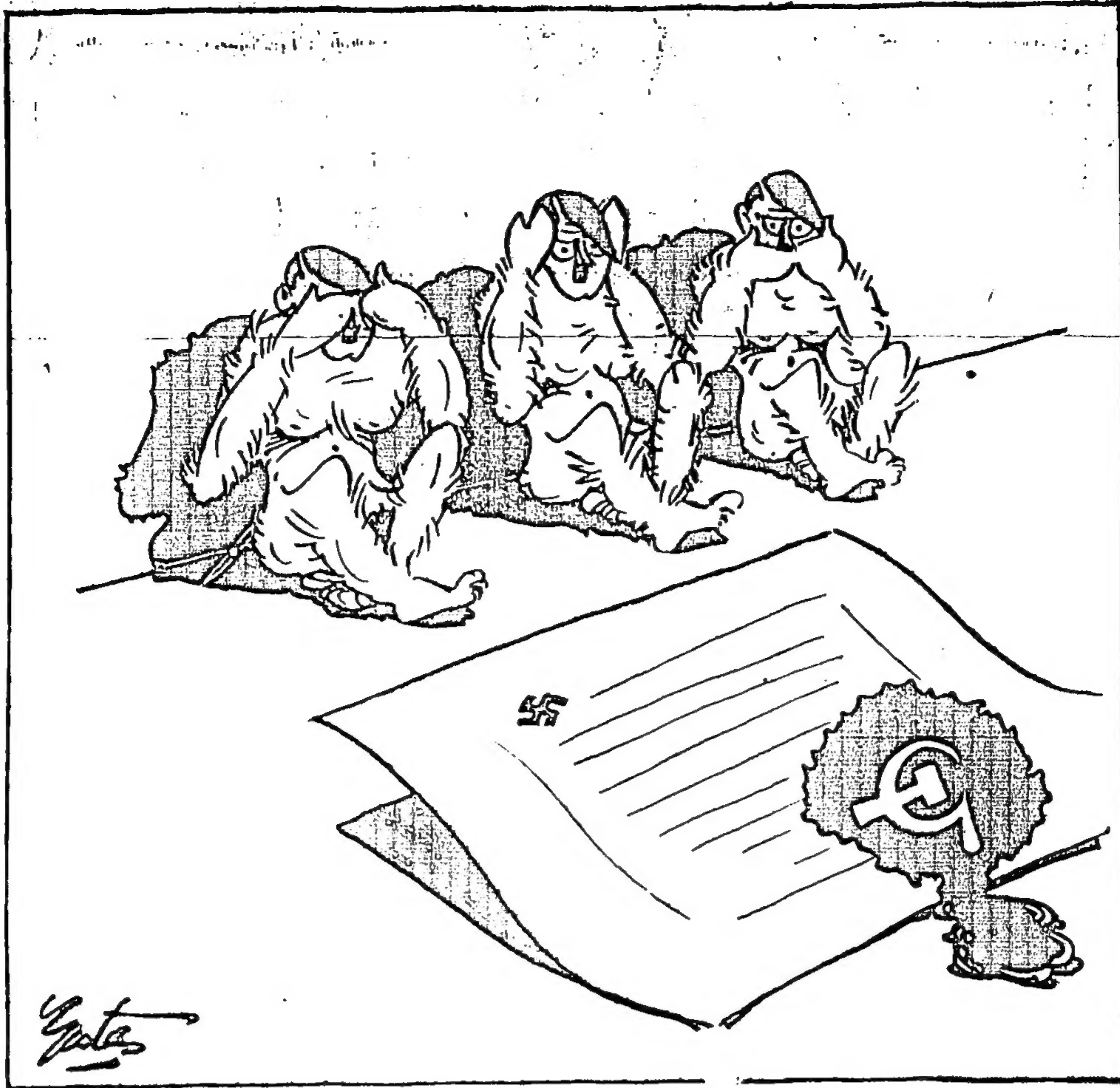
It is noteworthy that everybody is praising the control of our war effort by Mr. Churchill, who has been everything from a journalist to a politician, from a soldier to a sailor, from an author to a bricklayer, is a good painter, and has shown an extraordinary attachment to the design of row and striking hats. At the same time praise has been generally and, no doubt, justly showered on Lord Beaverbrook, who passed with the greatest of ease from the production of cement to that of newspapers and thence to that of aeroplanes, proving himself as talented a circulation-builder in the lost as in the former occupa-

tions. There is really a strong case for Johannes Factotum, as they called William Shakespeare, for doing all the jobs in the theatre.

Everybody knows that many expert jobs need expert handling by thoroughly trained people. A precision instrument must be precisely made and used, and a complicated machine must be constructed, driven, and mended by a competent mechanic. But the necessity for experts in their own sphere of the mysteries of craft and science is no excuse for the pretence that everything is better called "science" and handed over to those who have a formidable apparatus of theory and vocabulary. It is by no means proven that the management of a home is improved by calling the process "Domestic Science," and I am not at all convinced that discharging 4,000 experts, however nattily dressed, into poor women's kitchens in order to make Beeton's of them, all is going to improve either the national cooking or the national temper. One of the most important problems of statecraft is to settle the relative spheres of science and common sense.

Common sense! It is surely the sovereign quality in human business and society. The words do not mean that it is a common property and widely spread, but that its owner deals with common matters sensibly. Common sense is the eternal foe of pretentious theorising and enormous jargon. Its first business is to look below the word to the meaning and never to accept the claimant to special knowledge and the seeker after special power on his own terms. Common sense is essentially a probe. Having agreed that the expert is an expert and that the job is one which genuinely needs his specialised knowledge, it puts him to work. But when it accords him as an authority on technique it does not accept him as a maker of policy. A world run by experts would be chaos, because experts are habitually, and perhaps rightly, centred on a tiny little world of their own. To the ear specialist the human body is apt to be one vast ear, and to the gastric surgeon the human being may be little more than a sad, some tubes, and an appendix. Specialists need general practitioners to sustain their sense of proportion, and this is just as true of politics as it is of medicine. "Every profession," Mr. Shaw has said, "is a conspiracy against the public." It is a salutary exaggeration.

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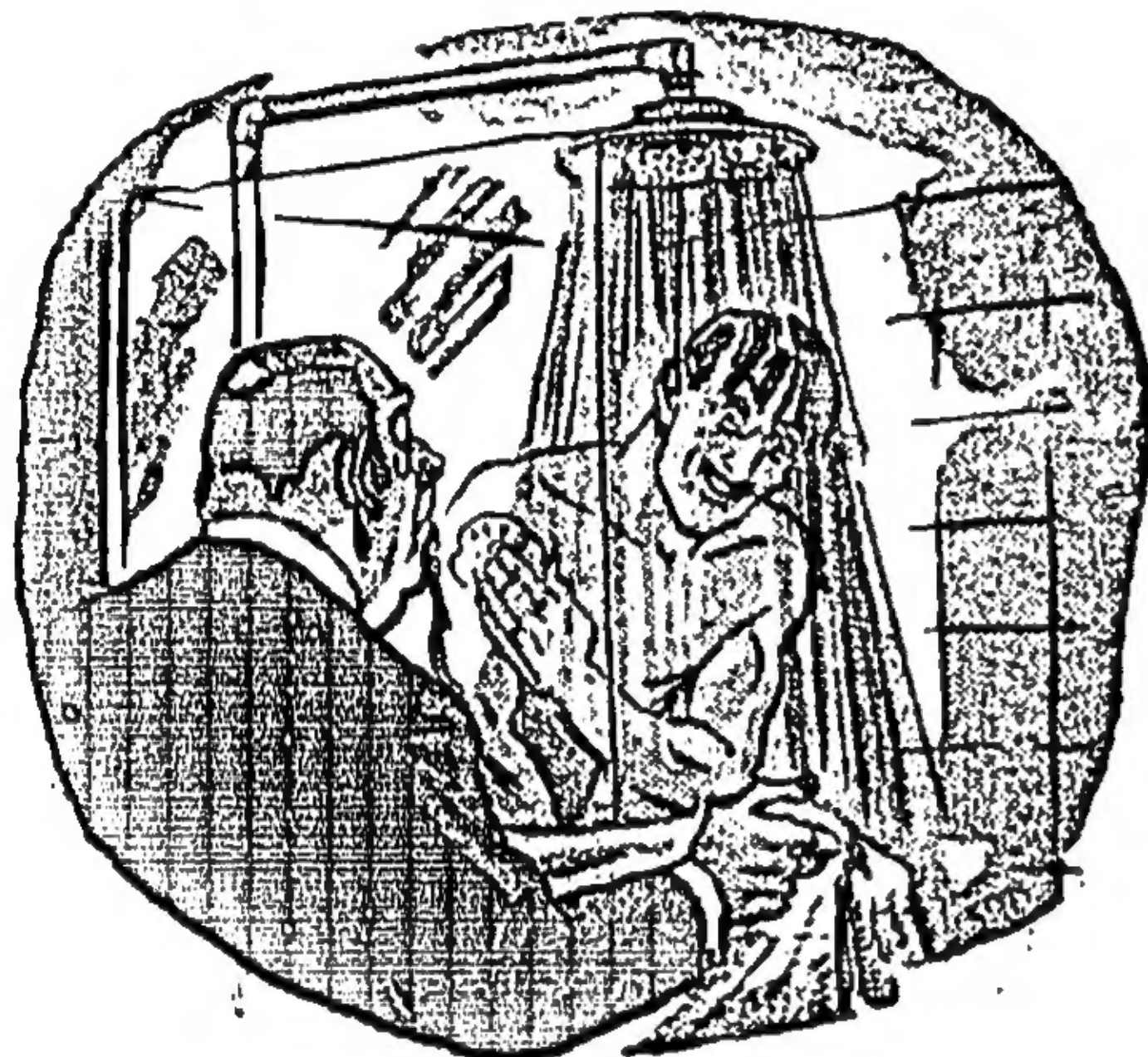
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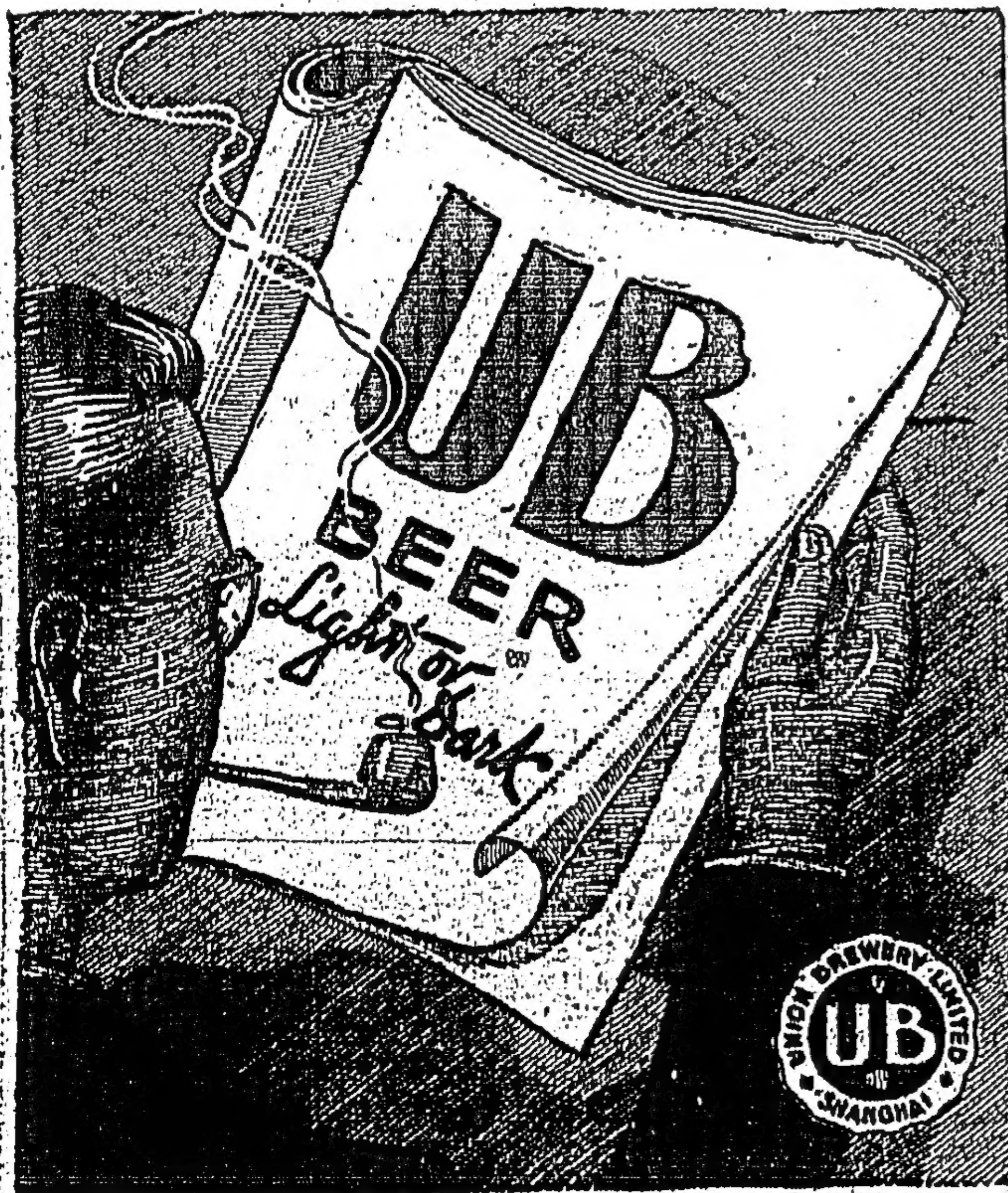
"Yes, Hawkins. I believe I have a sort of flair for that sort of thing. It just comes to me in my bath."

"Indeed, Sir."

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I want to tell you more than this. I want to tell you how Plymouth "Took it." How the people endured the ordeal, how they refused to regard the destruction of so much of their city and the killing of so many of their fellows as a beating in any sense of the word.

Plymouth is the city of Sir Francis Drake and in her latest ordeal showed the inherited spirit of defiance and attack that is traditional in the birthplace of that great Englishman.

Plymouth is not very large, the population at most is a little over two hundred thousand, including Devonport. The only industry is the Docks and otherwise it is a wide clean residential place.

Down in the town there were twenty-five ancient churches including the famous fourteenth century Church of St. Andrews where Katharine of Aragon returned thanks for a safe return from Spain and where Sir Francis Drake was welcomed back from Nombre de Dios.

Five Times In One Week

At the edge of the sea is the Great Plateau called the Hoe where stood the statue of Drake and below, still untouched, the Tablet commemorating the departure of the Pilgrim Fathers from England to the New World in 1620.

You can imagine what happened to these monuments of Plymouth's greatness when two hundred Nazi bombers each carrying a thousand pounds of explosives flew over the city and rained down their death and destruction. This happened not once but five times in a week.

After the first raid the town was set on fire, but the flames were got under control by the firemen piping water from the reservoir constructed in the sixteenth century by Drake.

An Inferno

The next night the raiders came back and again the night following that pouring down thousands of incendiary bombs which made an inferno of the town. Twenty three of the old churches were in ruins, hospitals were burned. St. Andrews with its memories of the part was a smoking shell. Everywhere were the killed the dying and the wounded.

But the citizens of Plymouth were not daunted by this terrible experience. Their weapons were the intangible weapons of courage, strength and ingenuity, and with weapons they started to fight back.

The first problem was food and the Mayor of Plymouth, Lord Astor, commandeered schools and public halls; any buildings in fact large enough that had escaped destruction, as feeding centres. Thirty centres were immediately established and the emergency rations that every town has available safely hidden away, were brought in. These consist of milk, corned beef and tongue soup, and other tinned goods of various sorts. Cooks volunteered and everyone had enough to eat.

Soon afterwards came from London some of the mobile canteens that Americans have so generously sent in large quantities to England, also steam ranges and stoves which were set up at different places outside the town. The Minister of Food, Lord Woolton, rushed supplies to Plymouth and soon there were enough regular supplies to make emergency rationing unnecessary. Food was cooked at these points outside the town, put into containers, kept hot for two hours, and rushed to various centres where it was needed. Anyone who could pay gave eightpence or a little over two dollars Mex. for a meal of which a typical example would be vegetable soup, beef stew, rice pudding, bread and tea or coffee.

During the time that these emergency arrangements were being organised Plymouth was still being "blitzed." Three more

nights they came, but the work went on and the organisation was perfected.

Lady Astor took on the job of evacuating the children and finding them homes. She telephoned to literally hundreds of people, found the homes and delivered the children safe and sound.

The Best Tonic

For the rest of the inhabitants there was no question of evacuation, but all big buildings which were not in use as hospitals or feeding centres were made into rest centres which are open all night. Anyone whose houses was hit or who was at all shaken in a raid could go into one of these shelters where there would be a lot of other people to mix with and talk to, the best tonic for upset nerves in the experience of the people of Plymouth.

Getting together, giving each other courage and showing their defiance of anything the enemy could do to them, was the way the people of Plymouth met the blitzkrieg. One night Lord Astor got a Military Band to play on the Hoe and everyone came up to listen and to dance.

Magnificent Challenge

There was a group of Welshmen there and Astor got them to sing; one of them had written a song that afternoon and they sent their voices over the sea in a magnificent gesture of challenge to the enemy whose worst blows had been taken with a smile. Here is a typical verse:—

We'll be coming back to Plymouth by-and-by,

When old Adolf's in the sweet by-and-by,

When we've made a mess of Goering and Goebbels is in mourning.

We'll be coming back to Plymouth by-and-by,

We'll cheer our Winston Churchill by-and-by, when he makes our skies more clear by-and-by,

We will welcome Franklin Roosevelt and thank him for his help to smash the blinkin' Nazis from the sky.

Thousands danced and thousands sang until it grew dark. They knew the raiders would come back, as indeed they did, but neither bombs nor the fear of bombs affected their spirits or their determination.

"Fight On"

The skies of Britain are more clear now. We read of one aeroplane coming over the coast and nights without raids; but the people of Plymouth and other towns in Britain have not forgotten what happened once and what may happen again.

Plymouth has her traditions and she had her monuments to the glories which made those traditions. The monuments have been shattered, but they will be repaired; in the meantime they remember that when the roll of Drake's Drum is heard as it was on the first night of the "Blitz," it is a signal to them to "fight on."

Other towns have their own traditions, but one and all give the message "fight on."

LIKES ARMY, IS GOING TO STAY

A 6ft. Welsh Guardsman was among successful applicants at Bow County Court for money held under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

He told the Judge that since his accident he had been called up, and he liked Army life so much that he had decided to remain after the war.

IN BED — WITH BOMB

Half-waking early in the morning, Mr. John Farrell, an East Coast town detective, became aware of a pleasing feeling of warmth in his feet. But it soon became too warm to be comfortable. Jumping out of bed he found an incendiary bomb burning there.

BLIND HE IS BEST WARDEN

Blind Charley Biggs, 37, is the best A.R.P. warden in the village of Tunley, near Bath, because, as he puts it, he has had twenty-three years' experience of the black-out.

He lost his sight in an accident at the age of 14. But he can find his way anywhere without groping.

"We fire-watch in pairs," he told the "Daily Mirror." "And they like having me because I can phone in the dark a lot quicker than a man who can see."

"I have lived in this village nearly all my life and I can find my way immediately to anybody's house."

Gave Fire Alarm

When the village institute—where he had been playing the drums at a dance an hour before—caught fire Charley was roused by his wife.

Within a few seconds he had dashed through the street to telephone the brigade.

"As I was running to fetch the secretary of the institute," Charley told the "Daily Mirror." "I passed a man who had started long before I did. I was ten minutes before everyone in giving the alarm."

"HUNCH" GOT HUN

Feeling lonely after their squadron had left for an Atlantic patrol, a wing commander and a squadron-leader had a hunch to "pop out and join the boys."

That "hunch" saved a British ship from attack and cost Germany a Heinkel 111.

Flying an old Hudson used chiefly for training, they saw a large British ship twisting to avoid attack.

Soon they spotted a Heinkel 111 manoeuvring for a run-up to bomb.

Unseen, they came up behind the German machine. At 150 yards the gunner pressed the button, and the enemy, with its starboard engine on fire, crashed into the sea.

"Seen anything?" they asked the others of their squadron when they got home. "Not a sausage," was the reply.

BABY VANISHED FOR A DAY

Hilda Rooney, 3 weeks old, who was taken from her pram outside a Liverpool store one afternoon, was found unharmed on the doorstep of a public-house in Whitechapel, Liverpool, after being missing for thirty hours.

BEHIND THE NAZI FACADE IN OCCUPIED EUROPE

THE VEIL DRAWN across the face of Germany was difficult to pierce even in Nazi "peace" time. It has become even more impenetrable now.

For one thing, Himmler's organization has grown rapidly and steadily, and for another, the army now works hand in glove with the secret police. Any revolutionary movement is therefore impossible as long as both are intact. When they crack, after a series of military reverses, the German home front will also break down.

If we look behind the Nazi facade of boasts and beastliness we find the average German with no reserves of resistance to fall back upon. He is rather like the man who sees his image of multiplied strength mirrored in the Borell bottle while he himself is really a puny little creature.

The Germans did not have peace in the true sense of the word until 1924, after ten years of great privations. Eight or nine years later, while the world was in the throes of another economic crisis, they were overtaken by Hitler's hordes (if they had not joined them) and drilled for the next war, the present one.

People Tired Of War

Thus the German generation of to-day has passed at most one-third of its existence in precarious peace and two-thirds in war. This has left the people exhausted. The German has lost faith and no longer cares for promises, politics or victories. Little man, where is your next meal coming from? This has become his main interest.

Up to 1939 the food situation had been steadily deteriorating. It has become infinitely worse since August 28, 1939, when ration was introduced. Since then Germany's little man has lived from "Zuteilungsperiode" to "Zuteilungsperiode", the period of four weeks for which rations are fixed.

The list of rationed goods is endless; the amount issued is inversely small. Suits, cloth, wool, shoes, fuel, bread, flour, fats, butter, margarine, cheese, milk, imitation honey, cocoa, jam, coffee, tea, rice and fruit are all rationed.

Insufficient Rations

Many of these articles are allotted in quantities sufficient for just one meal or one day of the whole period of four weeks. For instance, a quarter of a pound of ersatz coffee is issued. If you want coffee beans you can have, instead, 600 grammes, or just over two ounces.

There are sometimes special rations of rice, for example, or an occasional half pound of pulses or "Dorfgemüse," a mixture of dried vegetables reminiscent of hay. No such "Specials" may be issued on ration cards marked "J"—which is the official way of saying that no Jew can receive rice or coffee, fruit or shoes.

The rations are insufficient. While one might argue that it does not matter much whether or no the little man in Germany gets his 25 grammes of tea per period, staple foods and goods fall short of actual needs. Local papers are consequently filled with advertisements offering for exchange or sale second-hand clothes, trousers, jackets, boots, mackintoshes or even a piece of uncut cloth. As to food, only clandestine traffic and trade is possible. The provision of the extra food that makes life bearable has become an essential part of life. "Not kennt 'klen Gebot' (Necessity knows no law) is a war-honoured saying of the Germans, and, it is exemplified to the full at present.

Many Law-Breakers

As there are more civilians than officials, the former will find ways of breaking the food regulations. Officials have a preferential position, "eo ipso." This continual and a widespread law-breaking at home in the midst of a war of conquest is one of the chief Nazi weaknesses. It spells disaster for their system in the long run. It has engendered an utter disregard of any regulation which will actively militate against Nazism.

The "Volksschadlings-Verordnung" (decree against offences) it was found necessary to issue testifies to the gravity of the situation. It is a law imposing the death penalty for any crime "detrimental to the interests of the people." The voice of the Nazi has become very much like the voice of Moscow. A "Volksschadling" is, for example, anyone committing an offence during the black-out. If you steal while the black-out is in force you are liable to lose your head. To quote another example, Frau Elisabeth Reinhard of Nurnberg was working in a post office for the duration of the war. She was convicted of stealing some small parcels, the contents of which she used for herself or sold, thus making up for her shortage of rationed goods. At her home the police found food and clothes to the value of £50. She had acted in a way detrimental to the interests of the people within the meaning of the Volksschadlings-Verordnung (decree against offences) and was condemned to death and decapitated.

No Faith In Figures

The little man in Germany is aware of the risks he runs, because every case is reported in detail in his Nazi paper. And yet the number of those who break the food regulations is remarkably high. Life, he feels, has become cheap. He does not know how many of his countrymen were killed in Poland, on the way to Norway or on the Western battlefields.

He believes no figures. He hears of the 60,000 British civilians killed and seriously injured in air raids during the last six months. Yet he knows nothing of the general damage done by the R.A.F. in Germany, or rather his papers print not a word about it. He knows what he has seen for himself or heard from the "spoken newspaper" which is his real source of information.

The little man in Germany is apathetic. He does not want any more territories and cares little for what the German armies have already occupied. The effect of raids is beginning to tell in spite of the fact that the average German is better protected against them than we are here, as the German houses have strong, well-built cellars.

R.A.F. Raids Well Planned

The Bomber Command chooses both time and place carefully and effectively. Carnival in Cologne remained undisturbed, but the following nights the industrial quarters of the town, with the chemical industry, the cable works (Fellen-Guillaume) and the motor works (Köln-Deutz) were subjected to very heavy attacks. None of the workers can forget the nights when the forest of tall chimneys came crashing down.

The Rhinelander never loved the Nazi system; now he fears its consequences. With Britain's growing strength in the air, wider districts will learn the same lesson. Thus privation, loss of faith, and the R.A.F. attacks are slowly preparing the soil for revolution, but this can only come after the Nazi army has suffered serious defeats.

P.C.'S' BARGE RESCUE

Wearing respirators, Police-Constable Stephenson and Police-Constable Williams rescued Alfred Goodyear, 40, of Romford, Essex, who, overcome by fumes, had fallen into the hold of a Thames barge.

WITH HIS FLAG— TO DEATH

A Greek soldier guarding the Acropolis was ordered to take down the Greek flag and replace it with the Swastika when the Nazis entered Athens.

No sooner had he taken down his flag he furled it round his body and, before the eyes of the Germans, hurled himself to death from a parapet, says the Greek Press Bureau.

"FRAUD TO FLY FOR US"

Arrested after a flight to Bremen, Robert Coryat, 38, was refused bail at Bow Street when committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court for falsely representing himself as a British subject when applying for a commission in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve.

It was stated that Coryat's correct name was Harold Isaac Coriat. His father was French and his mother English. He had lived with his father in Morocco.

When his mother died an aunt brought him to England when he was 4.

Chief Inspector Edward Greeno said Coryat had been on operational flights over Germany and France.

Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., for the defence, said Coryat pleaded guilty to the offence subject to circumstances of strong mitigation.

Applying for bail, Mr. Roberts said that at its worst the offence was merely that of obtaining by false pretences the right to fight for this country.

Wing-Commander John Alexander Powell, R.A.F., said that Coryat's character for efficiency had been exemplary.

SHE WAS IN FOUR WARS

WHILE GENERAL GORDON WAS BESIEGED AT KHARTUM, MISS ELIZABETH ANNIE DOWSE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST NURSING SISTERS TO SAIL UP THE NILE AS FAR AS WADI HALFA. THAT WAS IN 1885.

During the siege of Ladysmith, 1900, she was matron at a hospital there.

On active service again in the Great War, she was matron of the hospital ship Britannic, torpedoed in November, 1916.

She and her staff went from one lifeboat to another, ministering to wounded and tending up their caps and aprons to make bandages.

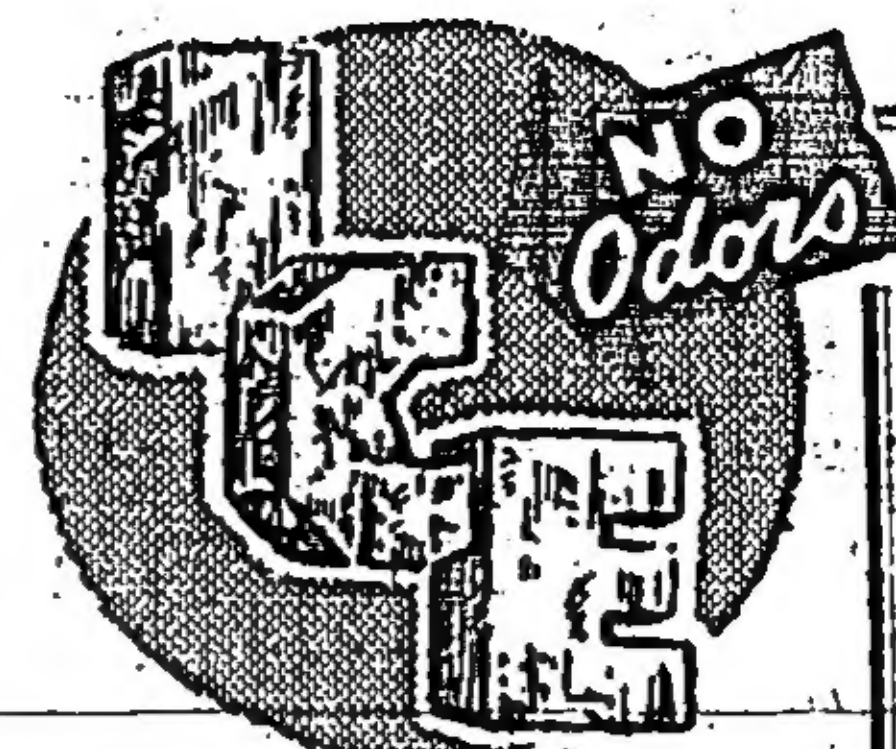
In this war she kept busy knitting for the troops.

Now she has died—brave, vigorous to the very last.

STOCKINGLESS GIRLS: M.P.'S PLEA

Stockingless girls have a champion in Mr. Lipson, M.P. for Cheltenham.

He is to ask the President of the Board of Trade "if, in view of the clothes rationing scheme, he will appeal to Government departments and other employers not to insist on their women employees wearing stockings when at work."



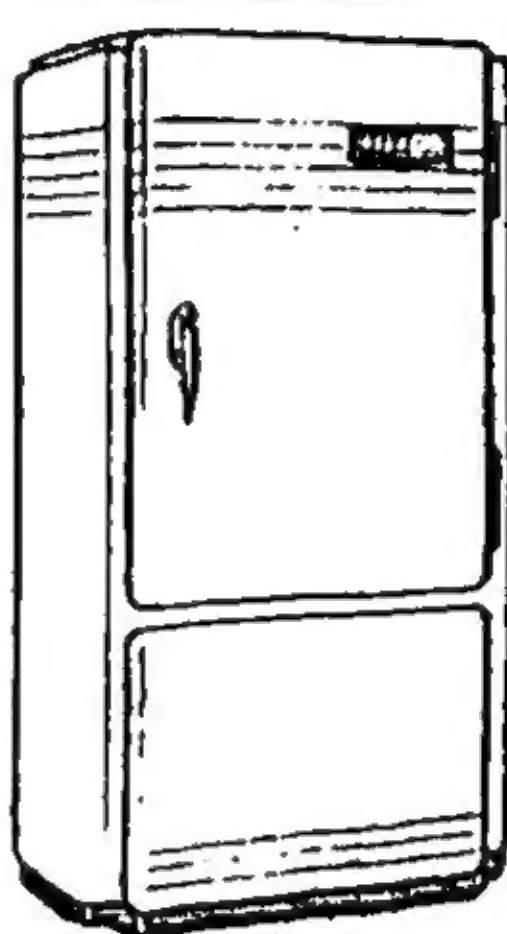
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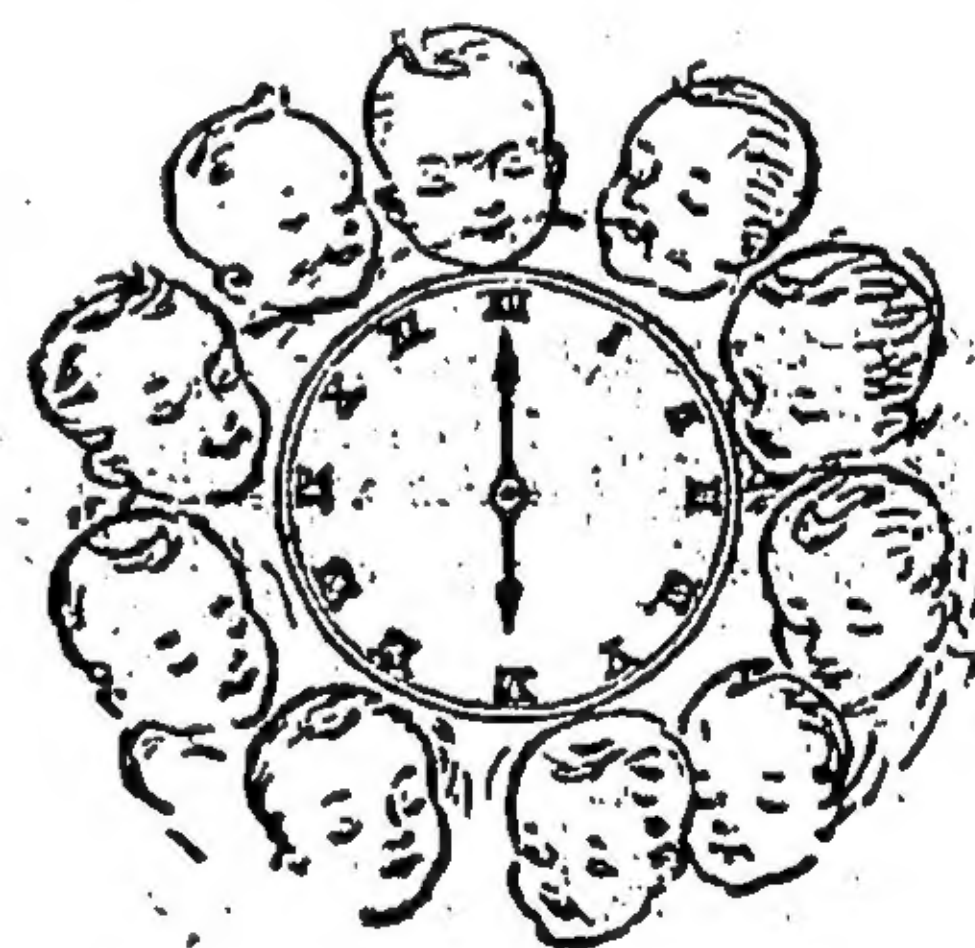
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BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES

—NO. 55

By The Four Aces

In to-day's highly instructive, as well as amusing, hand, South had a choice between guessing for himself and making his opponents do the guessing. Since he was an expert he realised that he would be better off to let the enemy do the guessing.

South, Dealer
East, West vulnerable

NORTH
A 4 4 3
Q 3
K Q J 6 2
A 9 8 6
WEST
A A Q
K 6 5 2
K 9 7 4
Q 10 5 2
EAST
A 10 9 8 5 2
Q J 10
K 10 8 5 3
K 4

SOUTH
A K J 6
K A K 9 8 7 4
Q
A J 7 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
Pass Pass

West led a trump, and South considered his problems. One way to make the contract would be to discard a spade on the Ace of Diamond, lead a spade from dummy and guess whether to play 3-3 split in clubs. If the loss could be held to one spade and the King or Jack, and play for a two clubs, the contract would be made.

The trouble with that line of play was that South had to guess the right spade play—and perhaps no guess could help him (as was the case). Furthermore, he was dependent on 3-3 club break to lose only two club tricks (unless he managed to drop an honour on the club Ace). The chance was all too flimsy, so South chose to try a swindle.

He won the first trick with the Queen of hearts and returned a low heart from the dummy—thus leaving the dummy without any way of getting back to the diamond Ace! South then ran four more trumps, and West was a very unhappy bridge player. He didn't dream that South had exited from dummy without a diamond in his hand, so he had to hold all his diamonds; his spades were also too valuable to discard, so he had to part with two low clubs.

Thereupon South banged down the Ace and another club, setting the rest of his suit. East had to return a spade, and West had to give South the tenth trick by means of a diamond lead.

* * *

Saturday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

A K 9 7
Q 3
Q A J 10 4
K Q 6 5 3 2
The bidding:
Jacoby You Schenker Maier
1♥ Pass 2♥ 2A
3♥ 4A Pass Pass
5♥ (?)

ANSWER: Pass. You have told your story and should not continue with spades partly because you can't be sure you can make five spades, and partly because your partner may have a very fine penalty double of five hearts. You cannot quite double yourself but should leave the decision to your partner.

Score 100% for pass, 60% for double, 20% for five spades.

Question No. 815

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby You Schenker Maier
1♥ Pass 2♥ 2A
3♥ 4A Pass Pass
5♥ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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BARE LEG BAN MADE HER QUIT

AN EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Surrey girl has started a new war job — all because of a pair of stockings.

Joan McKay, canteen helper in a war factory, turned up for work one morning wearing no stockings.

The supervisor complained about it and reported Joan to Miss E. M. Holland, the manageress.

Miss Holland took a serious view of Joan's "crime," and insisted that she went home for her stockings or stayed away from work.

In vain Joan pleaded that she had already worn out two pairs that week; that she had used up all her coupons, and could not afford any more. But the manageress was adamant. So Joan went home.

The following day she returned to work still without stockings. She asked Miss Holland by whose ruling she was ordered to wear them. Miss Holland replied: "It is my ruling, and you are to wear stockings."

So Joan found a new job.

She told the "Daily Mirror": "My new boss doesn't seem to mind whether we wear stockings or not. I'd say he was a sensible man."

The managing director of her old place said, "I am astonished to hear of such stupidity."

"No one in the factory has authority to ban a girl from working on such grounds."

INVESTITURE IN WAR FACTORY

Matthew Bradley, a machine-setter in a big armament works, was called from his work to be decorated by the King with the medal of the Order of the British Empire. His workmates, who paused to watch the brief "investiture," heard him say to the King:

"I want to say 'Thank you' for the honour on behalf of all the skilled workers here, your Majesty. It is their honour just as much as mine, and I am delighted to receive it as their representative."

Bradley is the local convener of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and was awarded the medal in the birthday honours as a mark of appreciation of the increased production in the factory.

This incident was one of many demonstrations of the loyalty of war workers which impressed the King and Queen during the second day of their tour of shipyards and armament works on Tyneside and in Durham.

"The Good Cause"

At one shipyard the Queen was surrounded by cheering workmen. When she asked if they were all very busy, Frank McGlynn, a blacksmith, replied, "Yes, we are doing our bit in the good-cause."

Another group of shipwrights held up a blackboard, on which was chalked:

"We will whack them, nothing suter, Fatty Goering and his Fuehrer."

At the end of the day's tour, which lasted more than seven hours, the King told directors of one big shipyard that he and the Queen had been greatly impressed by the number of ships being turned out in the yards.

BLAME LAG IN WAR WORK

Engineer Leader's Charges

Mr. Jack Tanner, President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, at the Llandudno conference reverted to his charges that the lag in war production was due to managerial inefficiency and lack of initiative.

A questionnaire sent out to their members engaged on aircraft production revealed, he said, a definite shortage of work in a small number of firms. In three there was a temporary shortage, and in only a few was no shortage of work reported.

The reasons given were shortage of materials, tools and machines, delays due to changed designs, absence of planning and preparation, management lacking in initiative, and men waiting for authority to proceed on certain work.

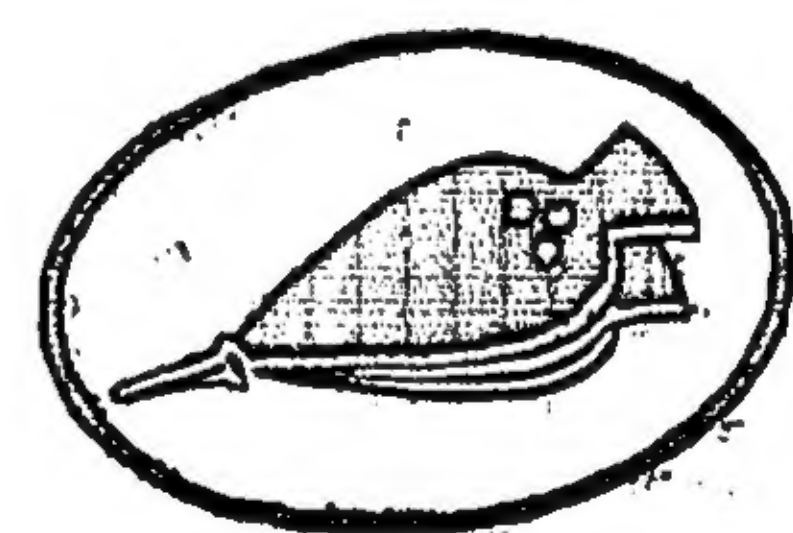
Asked For Facts

He had received a letter from the clerk of the supply sub-committee which dealt with national expenditure, asking him to furnish information of the places where the war efforts was being hindered and where efficiency was diminished and the cost of production increased as the result of mismanagement.

He proposed to furnish to this subcommittee all the information he could, and he would be glad of the assistance of the delegates so that he could supply chapter and verse.

The conference carried by 29 to 21 a resolution from the Glasgow branches drawing attention to the tasks that were being allocated to Labour Ministers in the Government, chiefly the Ministers of Labour and Home Security, and declaring that the policy being carried out was that of big business, which had nothing in common with the interests of the working people.

The resolution also called on the National Council of Labour to go to the people with a programme which included deep bomb-proof shelters, friendship with Russia, a people's Government and a people's peace that would get rid of the cause of war.

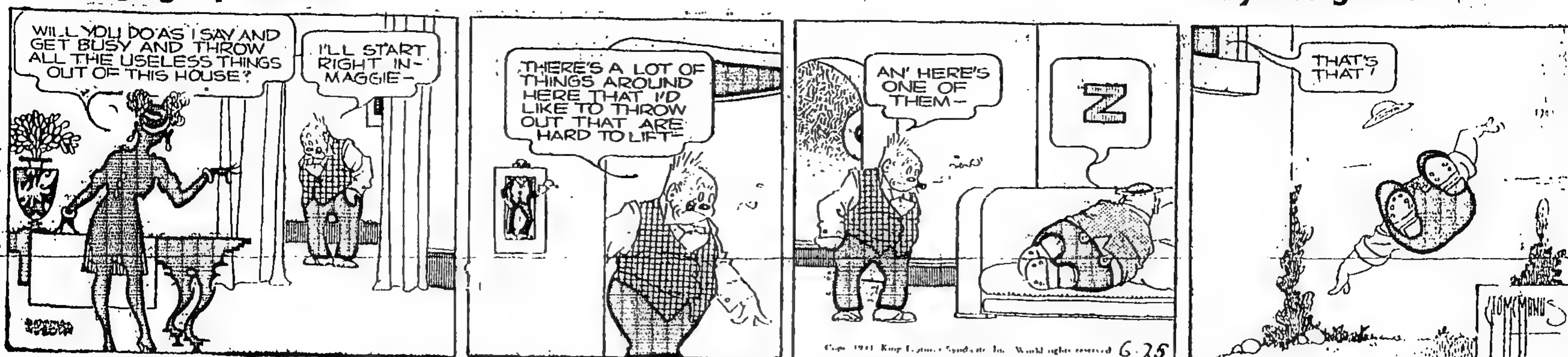


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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Grace Is Charm's Counterpart

Charm and grace go hand in hand. In almost every instance a woman of outstanding charm has grace of movement, poise and alluring posture. So the girl or woman who is seeking that subtle beauty asset called "charm," must learn how to walk gracefully, develop a serenity which is called poise, and learn the art of appropriate and pretty gesture.

Dancing is one of the best ways of acquiring grace of movement. It trains the body to move rhythmically. Free of self-consciousness. Relaxation helps greatly too. No woman can hope to be alluring if her muscles are taut and if she sits and walks and speaks with tension. One's mind must be relaxed as well as one's body so she who learns to relax at will has taken a lasting step toward being charming.

The woman who is seeking charm should be conscious also of her posture, but she must never strike deliberate poses. If she learns to stand and sit and walk in good posture, habit will soon carry her gracefully through all situations.

Hand gestures are used in conversation only when needed, and they must flow with the same grace which dancing teaches. The woman who talks with her hands, instead of with her tongue and eyes, is a bore. Other people get awfully tired of watching her hands fly about and listening to her bracelets jingle. The layman may learn to use gestures becomingly by watching a most accomplished actress — one who makes every gesture count and no waste effort is displayed to the audience.



Fragrant colognes and sachets play an important role in a charming woman's life. Both should suit one's personality.

Good Health Key To All

And now a word about the basic foundation of charm, which is good health. A clear voice, attractive skin and hair and easy movement are not possible to possess if one's vitality is impaired by malnutrition, worry or other illness. I cannot stress this too strongly, for I urge all women to keep healthy. I am convinced health is the only road to happiness and success in life. Of course, when an incurable illness strikes we must bear it as bravely as possible, but even then we should strive to conquer it.

Women who write me they are nervous, timid, morose, jealous, terribly tired or horribly self-conscious, are not healthy women. Something is dragging them down, and before any beauty is possible those women must again attain good health. No cosmetic can supplement what poor health destroys. Cosmetics do enhance one's beauty, and they are a blessing during a convalescent period, but they cannot substitute for

good health. I once asked the most charming woman I have ever met this question: "How can you do so much so graciously?" She smiled her thanks for the compliment and said, "I was blessed with good health and because I consider it a blessing direct from heaven I have cherished it and nursed it. It has helped me through every trying situation in life and has given me great vitality."

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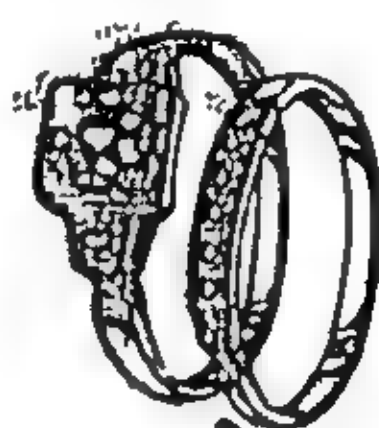
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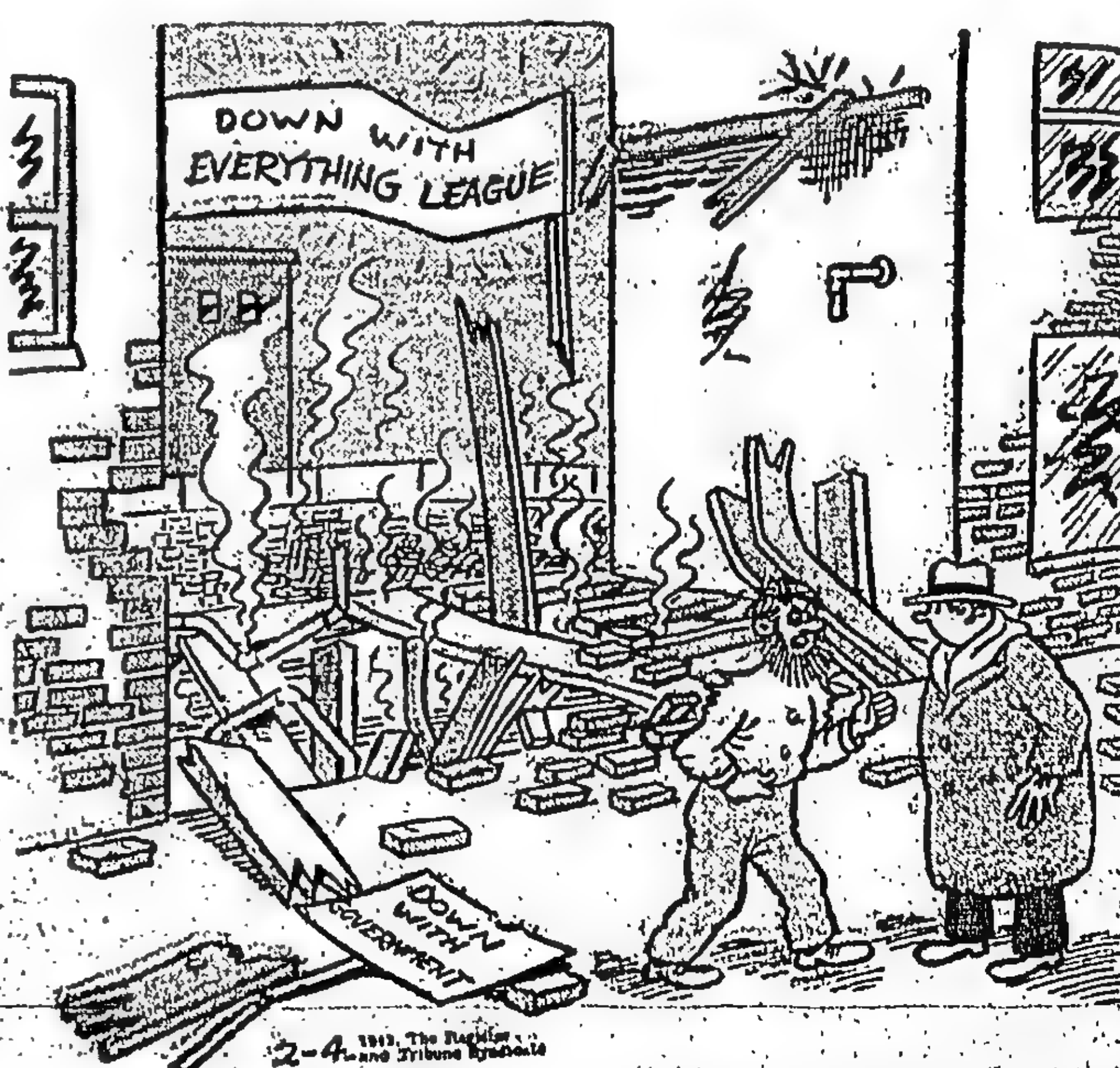
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interces-

sion.

12.30 p.m.—Jack Harris and His Orch.

Fox-Trots—Desert Song (White).

Plain Jane (Phillips).

Quick-Step—The Blackbird Hop

(North-Burnaby).

The Palms Stroll (Black-Remy).

Fox-Trots—Cry, Baby, Cry (Eatou

& Shand).

In Santa Margherita (Morrow-

Scher).

Fox-Trot—Glamour Girl (Strauss-

Dale).

One-Step—Amazon Goes A-Wooling

(Phillips).

Waltz—The Girl In The Alice Blue

Gown (Parker).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Frances Langford and Tony

Martin in Variety.

Vocal—Long Ago and Far Away

(From film "Three Cheers For

Love").

It's Like Reaching For The Moon

(Lewis-Sherman).

Frances Langford with Orch.

Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley

No. R.10.

Intro: I'm In The Mood For Love;

Everything's Been Done Be-

fore; Dancing Time; In The

Middle Of A Kiss; Check To

Check; My Blue Heaven.

Charlie Kunz.

Vocal—Fools Rush In (Bloom-

Mercer).

The Creaking Old Mill On The

Creek (Lewis, Stock).

Tony Martin with Orchestra.

Organ—Dixon Request Medley—

Intro: I Do Like To Be Beside

The Seaside; Blaze Away;

Who Were You With Last

Night; If You Were The Only

Girl In The World; Teddy

Bears Picnic; Down At The

Old Bull and Bush; Just A

Fee Deoch and Doris; She's

A Lassie From Lancashire;

I Do Like To Be Beside The

Sea-Side.

Reginald Dixon.

Vocal—There's A Joll In My Life

(From film "Wake Up and

Live")—Gordon).

Ruth Etting with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Moskowski Programme.

Guitarre.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with

Piano.

From Foreign Lands.

State Opera Orchestra.

Caprice Espagnol.

Eileen Joyce (Piano solo).

Serenata, Op. 15 No. 1.

Richard Tauber (Tenor) w. Orch.

Moskowski Dances, Nos. 1, 2, 3

and 5.

The Blue Hungarian Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quo-

tations.

6.47 p.m.—Half An Hour Of Dance

Music.

Fox-Trots—My Sister And I.

Do You Believe In Fairy Tales

(From film "Pot O' Gold").

Leo Reisman and His Orch.

Fox-Trot—I Cover The Waterfront.

Rumba—Marinela.

Artie Shaw and His Orch.

Fox-Trots—Simpatia.

Amarillo (Boh from film "They

Met In Argentine").

Leo Reisman and His Orch.

Waltz—Purple Hills Of Hawaii.

Harry Owens and His Royal

Hawaiians.

Fox-Trots—Sissy.

Pop Corn Man.

Milt Herth Trio.

7.17 p.m.—Variety Programme.

Orchestral—Drury Lane Pantomime

Memories—

Intro: Ask A Policeman—1899;

Gilt Yer 'Air Cut—1891; What

Is The Use Of Loving A Girl

—1903; Oh, The Business—

1903; Hitchy Koo—1912; Who

Were You With Last Night—

1912; Mysterious Rag—1912;

Oh! You Beautiful Doll—1912;

My Boy—1913; My Southern

Maid—1913.

Columbia Light Opera Com-

pany w. Orch.

Humorous—Tennis.

WODEHOUSE ON WARNED GERMAN RADIO AGAINST GIRL, 16

MR. P. G. WODEHOUSE, ENG-
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IS TO BROADCAST HIS EX-
PERIENCES TO THE UNITED
STATES ONCE A WEEK."General chats, entirely non-
political," he explained in an
interview."I'm quite unable to work up
any kind of belligerent feeling—
really. Just as I'm about to feel
belligerent about some country I
meet a decent sort of chap. We
go out together and lose any
fighting thoughts or feelings.

Clapham and Dwyer.

Vocal and Banjolele—Oh! Oh! Oh!

Oh! Oh! What A Silly Place To

Kiss A Girl.

Tessie O'Shea with Orchestra.

Comedian—Knitting (Taylor).

Arthur Askey with Piano.

Orchestral—Accordeon Nights—

Medley.

Gerald and His Accordeon Band.

Comedians—Blacking Out The Flat.

Arthur Askey and Richard Mur-

doch.

Vocal—Everyone Must Have A

Sweetheart (Noel, Hart).

Proud Of You (David).

Elsie Carlisle with Orch.

Piano—Marta Eggerth Film Melo-

dies—Selection.

Fred Stein.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—'Listening

Post'.

Examination of Points in Daily

German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Dvorak Centenary Pro-

gramme.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

9.05 p.m.—Puccini's "La Tosca" Act 2.

Singers in order of appearance:

Apollo Granforte (Bartitone), Gio-

vanni Azzimonti (Bass), Nelo

Palai (Tenor), Carmen Melis

(Soprano), Piero Palai (Tenor),

with Orchestra of La Scala,

Milan.

9.45.10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.

I'm Going To Tell God All O' My

Troubles (arr. Brown).

Deep River (Burleigh).

Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.

Were You Dere? (arr. Edna

Thomas).

Little Wheel A-Turning In My

Heart; Keep A-Inchin' Along.

Edna Thomas (Soprano) with

Piano.

I Stood On De Ribber; Peter, Go

Ring Dem Bells (Burleigh).

Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Chopin Sonata in B Flat

Minor, Op. 35.

1st Mov.: Grave—Doppio movi-

mento.

2nd Mov.: Scherzo—March Funebre

(Lento).

3rd Mov.: Marche funebre (Lento

—Conclusion)—Finale.

Percy Grainger (Piano solo).

10.35 p.m.—The Light Symphony Or-

chestra and Nancy Evans (Soprano).

May Day Overture (Haydn Wood).

Light Symphony Orch.

Mountain Lovers (Weatherley—

Squire).

Nancy Evans with Orchestra.

Dear Isle Of Man (Haydn Wood).

Light Symphony Orchestra.

Land Of Hope And Glory (Arthur

Benson—Edward Elgar).

Nancy Evans (Soprano) and

Chorus with The Band of

H.M. Coldstream Guards.

11.00 p.m.—London—'News from

Home' by Howard Marshall.

11.15 p.m.—Close Down.

Warning not to persist
in his offer to marry a girl
in the dock, was given to
a young N.C.O. by the
Recorder at Poole Quar-
ter Sessions.Addressing Dorothy Edith
Stevens, 16, of Parkstone, a good-
looking, smartly-dressed girl
stated to be engaged to a Royal
Artillery sergeant, the Recorder
said:"I have received a letter from
a man who wishes marry you
and accept responsibility for your
future behaviour."In my opinion it would be
quite a lamentable thing.

N.C.O. Quits Court

"It seems that you show little
disposition or character fitting
you for marriage with any man,
however, deserving or gallant
the man might be, and I advise
him to put these ideas out of
his mind."Stevens was charged with
another girl, Patience Turner, 17,
of Rosemary Road, Newtown,
Poole, with breach of recognis-
ances.Both girls were sentenced to
three years' Borstal detention.Stevens had to be forcibly
removed from the dock.A young Army sergeant imme-
diately left the court.

ASKED HIM, WAVE TO PRINCESS

The Mayor of Warwick, chief
citizen of one of England's most
ancient boroughs, was asked to
wave to the Princess Royal instead
of officially receiving her.He was to stand on the steps
of the Court House as the Prin-
cess drove past on her way to
the local Red Cross headquar-
ters.Alderman A. Tandy said at a
meeting of Warwick Town Coun-
cil:"If this is true, and I believe
it is, I say deliberately that the
very idea is disgusting."

"An Insult"

The Mayor, Councillor G. M.
Nelson, said: "I was told I could
be there, but I should not be pre-
sented to the Princess. That was
all. My feeling was that it was
not right, so I did not attend."Alderman Tandy added that
whoever was responsible—it might
be some regional officer or other
official—should be pulled up. Such
an omission was an insult to the
Mayor.Alderman H. N. Forbes,
county honorary secretary of
the Red Cross and St. John
Association, said: "Nobody re-
grets it more than I, but we
were working to official instruc-
tions."Alderman Tandy: That's the
trouble—some official outside War-
wick.

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MOTHER GOES TO KING IN AMBULANCE

MRS. RUTLAND, mother of the late British Constable Horace Rutland, of the Palestine Police Force, insisted on leaving her sick bed to receive, on behalf of her dead hero-son, the King's Police and Fire Services Medal for Gallantry.

She travelled to Buckingham Palace in an ambulance to honour her boy's memory, and was wheeled up to the King in an invalid chair.

HENS MAY DIE IN MILLIONS

Wholesale slaughter of hens kept by small poultrykeepers may follow the Ministry of Food's plan to control the sale of home-produced eggs.

This order will compel all producers with more than 12 hens and fewer than 50 on a holding of an acre or less to sell their eggs only through packing stations under Government control.

But if a producer with more than 12 birds desires to retain for household consumption some of his own eggs he should apply to the local food office for permission to do so. Keepers of 12 birds or fewer will be allowed to retain whatever eggs they produce.

"Glut" Of Fowls

The order means that most backyard poultry-keepers with more than 12 hens will slaughter their "surplus" fowls to bring their flocks down to a dozen. The markets will be glutted with eating birds and consumers deprived of millions of eggs a year.

The number of backyard poultry-keepers in England and Wales is estimated to be about 800,000. Between 12,000,000 and 13,000,000 hens are kept in flocks of 12 or fewer. Although an official figure is not available, the number of laying fowls kept by those with more than 12 must be at least double, perhaps between 25,000,000 and 30,000,000.

It will be impossible to sell "surplus" hens to commercial poultry-farmers, who have already reduced their stocks drastically because of the shortage of feeding stuffs.

Plan That Was Shelved

This new Ministry of Food plan is almost identical with one which was officially shelved six years ago.

The Eggs and Poultry Commission, under the chairmanship of Dr. Addison, now Lord Addison, produced in 1935 a 200-page report, largely on the subject of egg control. One of the recommendations was that eggs, in-

Congratulations and sympathy were expressed by the King to Mrs. Rutland and to other parents of men who gave their lives for their country. The Investiture was private. Among the honours awarded were three Victoria Crosses.

Mr. and Mrs. Mantle received the V.C. awarded to their son, Seaman Jack Mantle—the Navy's first lower-deck V.C. of the war—who served his gun to the death in the merchant cruiser Foylebank against enemy bombers.

Mr. Gristock was handed the Victoria Cross won by his son C.S.M. George Gristock, Royal Norfolk Regiment, who, though severely wounded while going forward, killed an enemy machine-gun crew who were inflicting heavy casualties. He secured his company's position at the cost of his life.

The V.C. awarded to R.A.F. Sergeant Tom Gray, one of the leaders in the "lottery" raid which destroyed a vital Albert Canal bridge which the Germans were using—he never came back—was received by his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray have two other sons in the R.A.F. who waited outside the Palace while their parents received the V.C.

They are Sergeant A. Gray, a survivor from Courageous, and Sergeant Reginald Gray.

Brother There, Too

Mr. Mantle told the King that he had another son, serving in the New Zealand Artillery; and Mr. Gristock said that he was a retired sergeant-major of the Queen's Bays and had two sons, two daughters, and three sons-in-law serving with the Forces.

One of his daughters, who is in the A.T.S., accompanied him to the Investiture.

Mrs. Board, widow of an A.R.P. warden, received the George Medal awarded to her husband, Mr. Robert Board, for bravery during a raid. Mr. Board was killed in a later raid. Many parents and wives attended the Investiture and received Distinguished Service Medals awarded to ratings lost in British submarines.

cluding those from the domestic producer, should be sent direct to packing and grading stations.

Part of the reason for the present egg ration muddle was the prematureness of Lord Woolton's statement in the House of Lords on May 28. After his speech, arrangements for registration had to be announced before the rationing plan had been fully prepared.

MACAO LOSE AT WATER-POLO

Two water-polo matches between teams representing Union and Macao were played at Taichikok yesterday when Hong Kong and Kowloon Resident Union held their sixth swimming gala of the season.

In the First Division game the home team won by 4-1, after leading 1-0 at the interval, while the second game ended in a win for Macao by 3-1, score in the first-half being 1-0.

Results were as follows: Men's 50 Metres Free-Style (for non-prize winners):—1. Tang Cheuk-wah; 2. Ng Shing; 3. Chu Yiu-fai.

Men's 400 Metres Free-Style:—1. Tai Yuk-mong; 2. Mak Chun-nam; 3. Chan Chiu-cheung. Time: 6 mins. 58 secs.

Men's 50 Metres Free-Style (Middle Class):—1. Tin Yung-fat; 2. Chan Tak-fu; 3. Ho Po-pul. Time: 53 secs.

Men's 50 Metres (use of hands prohibited):—1. Tai Yuk-mong; 2. Mak Kwok-hing; 3. Chan Chiu-cheung.

Boys' 100 Metres Handicap:—1. Shum Ho; 2. Tse Kai-chi; 3. Tse Kai-chow.

Mixed 200 Metres Relay:—1. Miss Ng Po-hing, Mak Kwok-hing, Tong Chung-ming and Taul Hang; 2. Miss Shum Put, Lo Wing-tim, Tai Yuk-mong and Chu Chuk-yau; 3. Miss Shum Wai-yung, Chan Chiu-cheung, Yeung Kai-cheung and Mak Chun-nam. Time: 2 mins. 10 secs.

Residents' Union Water-Polo Team "A":—Wong Cheung, Yeung Kai-wah, Wong Au-shan, Chu Chuk-yau, Taul Hang and Yeung Man-ki.

Macao "A":—Pan Wah-fun, Ng Kai-hung, Leung Wing-kwan, Lai Yin-chun, Choi Char-lau and Chan Kung-ping.

U.S. NAVY WIN FIVE GAME SERIES

United States Navy won the five-game charity baseball series yesterday when they beat Hong Kong by 5 runs to 4 to win by the odd game in five.

The game was marred by an accident to MacKenzie, first baseman of U.S. Navy, who injured his ankle badly.

Following were the results of the series: Hong Kong 5 U.S. Navy 1
Hong Kong 18 U.S. Navy 16
Hong Kong 3 U.S. Navy 7
Hong Kong 8 U.S. Navy 9
Hong Kong 4 U.S. Navy 5

SLACKNESS AS TROOPS DIE

CAPT. HENDERSON STEWART, M.P., ALLEGED AT CUPAR, FIFE, THAT "A LABOUR SCANDAL OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE AND HORROR" WAS BEING ENACTED, WHICH MIGHT HAVE THE GRAVEST RESULTS ON THE NATION'S STRUGGLE.

"The flower of our land has been mown down at 2s a day in Greece, in Crete and elsewhere, through lack of arms to defend itself," he said. "Factories at home which could make those arms, are frequently scenes of deliberate slacking, deliberate idleness, and shameless agitation for higher wages."

Conscientious workmen, Capt. Stewart said, were ashamed of what they saw around them, and revolted by the play-acting of the authorities. Not until the body of labour and the system of production were organised could they approach the output needed to win the war.

WINS APPEAL AGAINST GAOL

Wynne Marriette Stuart Campbell, who said she was the wife of Sir John Campbell, successfully appealed at London. Sessions against sentence of three months' imprisonment passed on her for doing an act calculated falsely to suggest that she was in the service of the King.

The sentence was quashed and the woman—who was referred to throughout the proceedings as Lady Campbell—was bound over for two years.

It was said she had described herself as a surgeon's commandant of the Royal Navy.

SUN CASTLE WINS

A record crowd, including hundreds of Lancashire war workers snatching a brief respite from their labours, saw Sun Castle, owned by Lord Portal, who has an important job at the Ministry of Supply, win the St. Leger, last Turf classic of the season, beating Chateau la Rose, owned by Mr. Harry Morris, Shanghai business man, by a head in a thrilling finish.

Lord Glanely's Dancing Time was third, one length behind. It was, incidentally, the only filly in the race.

Sun Castle started at 10 to 1, and thus confirmed its recent return to best form when it won the St. Simon Stakes at Newbury last week.

Chateau la Rose started a last-minute favourite at 11 to 2, with Dancing Time at 25 to 1. There were 16 starters, and the French jockey, Bridgland, who is now in the Royal Air Force, rode Sun Castle. Robert Jones rode Chateau la Rose, and Michael Beary won on Dancing Time.

Sun Castle, one time favourite for the Derby, is by the Derby winner Hyperion out of Castle Gay.

Mazarin Takes Lead

Devonian was clear of the field at the half-mile, but Mazarin took the lead on entering the straight. Mazarin still held the command two furlongs from home, but then, Chateau la Rose went to the front just below the Distance Post and was immediately challenged by Sun Castle and Dancing Time in a great finish, with Sun Castle just forging ahead.

Sun Castle was trained by Capt. Boyd-Rochfort at Newmarket and covered the mile and 6 furlongs in 3 mins. 4-2/5 secs. Mazarin was fourth, Watch Tower fifth, Orthodoxy sixth, and Ranger seventh.

Second Leger Win

Sun Castle was Capt. Boyd-Rochfort's third Classic success, he having previously won the St. Leger, with Boswell, in 1936.

The biggest surprise of the race was the running of Dancing Time, which raced strongly and was close-up at the finish.

Mazarin had every chance when it came into the straight with such a big lead, but it failed to stay when the pace was increased over the last furlong.

This was the first occasion on which the Classic was decided on the Lancashire course, and there were remarkable scenes in the city, long queues waiting for taxis and tramcars, while on the payments and roads to the Course, which itself was crammed, were people who gave up all hope of getting a conveyance.—Reuter.

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U.M. OMAR CARRIES OFF PREMIER LEAGUE SKIPS' CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 1941

As Craigenower have only two more matches to play and B. W. Bradbury is now five points behind U. M. Omar, the latter has won the First Division Skips' championship, a feat he performed in 1936 and 1937.

Following is the record of the skips in the First and Third Divisions of the League:—

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Down	Pts.
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	16	16	0	0	410	235	175	0	32
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	16	13	1	2	400	276	124	0	27
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C.)	14	11	0	3	350	214	136	10	22
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	16	11	0	5	346	286	60	0	22
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	15	10	1	4	323	274	49	0	21
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	16	10	1	5	353	266	97	0	21
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	16	10	0	6	327	280	47	0	20
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	15	9	0	6	301	293	8	0	18
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	16	8	1	7	342	266	76	0	17
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	13	8	0	5	289	232	57	0	16
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	16	8	0	8	326	337	0	11	16
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B")	13	7	1	5	287	258	29	0	15
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	11	6	2	3	224	202	22	0	14
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	16	7	0	9	297	333	0	36	14
H. A. Alves (Recelo "A")	7	6	0	1	179	110	69	0	12
A. M. Calman (K.D.R.C.)	8	6	0	2	177	155	22	0	12
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	10	6	0	4	204	187	17	0	12
A. P. Guterres (Rec. "B")	11	6	0	5	210	209	1	0	12
J. F. V. Ribeiro (Recelo "A")	6	5	0	0	136	65	71	0	10
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	10	5	0	5	188	174	14	0	10
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	16	5	0	11	263	862	0	99	10
N. J. Bebbington (K.C.C.)	9	3	2	4	167	180	0	13	8
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	184	198	0	14	8
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	14	4	0	10	241	288	0	47	8
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	9	3	1	5	174	187	0	13	7
C. Roza-Pereira (Recelo "A")	3	3	0	0	65	44	21	0	6
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	6	3	0	3	110	104	6	0	6
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	9	2	2	5	161	206	0	45	6
M. Ferguson (K.D.R.C.)	10	3	0	7	175	212	0	37	6
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C. "B")	10	3	0	7	168	236	0	68	6
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	12	2	1	9	200	266	0	66	5
W. Holland (P.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	61	32	19	0	4
P. A. Peckham (K.B.G.C. "B")	4	2	0	2	67	70	0	3	4
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	73	84	0	11	4
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	7	1	2	4	109	140	0	31	4
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	2	0	7	148	209	0	64	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	92	104	0	12	3
C. A. Lopes (Recelo "A")	1	1	0	0	32	9	23	0	2
F. V. Ribeiro (Recelo "A")	1	1	0	0	27	12	16	0	2
F. Nolan (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	26	20	6	0	2
A. M. Rodrigues (Recelo "B")	1	1	0	0	20	19	1	0	2
J. E. Noronha (Recelo "B")	2	1	0	1	34	31	3	0	2
J. S. Landolt (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	38	42	0	4	2
W. J. Burling (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	37	45	0	8	2
L. J. Silva (Recelo "B")	2	1	0	1	21	40	0	19	2
J. W. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	40	76	0	36	2
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	1	0	3	62	92	0	30	2
H. Lockhart (K.B.G.C. "B")	5	1	0	4	84	108	0	24	2
T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	73	180	0	107	2
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	8	1	0	7	139	177	0	38	2
C. C. Pereira (Recelo "B")	1	0	0	1	14	21	0	7	0
J. C. Gill (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	14	23	0	9	0
W. McNeill (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	11	29	0	18	0
J. O. Remédios (Recelo "B")	1	0	0	1	5	41	3	36	0
C. M. Silva (Recelo "B")	2	0	0	2	35	47	0	12	0
W. R. Hillier (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	29	42	0	13	0
A. M. Rodrigues (Recelo "B")	2	0	0	2	30	52	0	22	0
H. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	22	50	0	28	0
W. Greig (K.D.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	23	60	0	37	0
L. Sykes (K.B.G.C. "B")	4	0	0	4	66	92	0	26	0
G. S. Sherriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	4	0	0	4	64	95	0	31	0
E. W. Simmonds (C.S.C.C.)	4	0	0	4	67	111	0	54	0
E. Souza (Recelo "B")	5	0	0	5	78	117	0	39	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Down	Pts.
J. C. Aitken (P.R.C.)	13	11	1	1	329	190	139	0	23
R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	13	10	0	3	292	222	70	0	20
S. M. Rumlajn (I.R.C.)	16	9	1	5	317	275	42	0	19
C. Wallis (K.B.G.C.)	12	9	0	3	271	187	84	0	18
M. W. Wahab (I.R.C.)	14	9	0	5	288	248	38	0	18
A. H. Nish (K.B.G.C.)	15	8	1	6	318	274	44	0	17
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	13	7	1	5	281	205	66	0	15
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	11	6	1	4	217	185	32	0	13
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	10	6	0	4	253	184	69	0	12
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	13	6	0	7	232	245	0	13	12
G. S. Gráver (H.K.F.C.)	13	6	1	6	261	274	0	13	11
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	8	5	0	3	169	149	20	0	10
J. Raisto (H.K.F.C.)	8	5	0	3	159	161	0	2	10
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	9	5	0	4	187	178	9	0	10
B. A. Mansell (H.K.F.C.)	13	5	0	8	245	261	0	6	10
P. A. Yvanovich (Recelo "A")	16	5	0	10	261	338	0	77	10
L. A. Jordan (K.B.G.C.)	7	4	0	3	145	135	10	0	8
M. F. Ajarcon (Recelo "A")	7	4	0	3	135	143	0	8	8
L. de Rome (H.K.F.C.)	8	4	0	4	157	160	0	3	8
J. F. Lunny (H.K.F.C.)	10	4	0	6	162	215	0	53	8
E. S. Abraham (H.K.F.C.)	11	4	0	7	193	223	0	30	8
A. G. Sufflad (I.R.C.)	4	3	0	0	71	46	25	0	6
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	4	3	0	1	83	83	0	0	6
A. G. Gardner (H.K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	99	81	18	0	6
P. S. Cassidy (H.K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	94	86	8	0	6
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	5	3	0	2	98	93	5	0	6
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	80	99	0	13	6
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	130	123	7	0	6
M. A. Carvalho (Recelo "A")	8	3	0	5	136	143	0	7	6
A. McKellar (H.K.F.C.)	10	3	0	7	160	224	0	64	6
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	30	20	0	4
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	75	62	13	0	4
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	62	54	8	0	4
M. Mendonca (Recelo "A")	3	2	0	1	59	54	5	0	4
P. J. A. Hamilton (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	88	66	22	0	4
A. Nisim (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	76	95	0	19	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	64	90	0	26	4
M. F. Pinna (Recelo "A")	8	2	0	6	140	188	0	48	4
J. K. Sloan (H.K.F.C.)	9	2	0	7	103	218	0	55	4
H. M. Xavier (Recelo "A")	1	1	0	0	31	11	20	0	2
C. W. Lam (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	28	12	14	0	2
A. P. Pereira (Recelo "A")	1	1	0	0	28	18	11	0	2
W. A. Cornhill (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
B. J. Lacey (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	10	4	0	2
C. J. Pereira (Recelo "A")	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2
T. C. Monaghan (H.K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	27	8	0	2
E. S. Franks (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	40	33	7	0	2



"Young" Aromin, holder of the Colony featherweight belt, who has not had a fight for over a year, will probably be seen in action on October 3, at the Star Theatre, when it is likely he will meet the Army champion, Pte. Noble, over 10 rounds in a programme in aid of the Bomber Fund.

CHINESE INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING?

Encouraged by the very successful manner in which V.R.C. organised the recent Inter-School Swimming Gala, Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union are contemplating holding a similar gala for all Chinese schools in the Colony on Sunday, September 28, providing sufficient support is forthcoming.

Invitations have already been sent to various Chinese schools.

No competitor will be allowed to take part in more than three individual events for his or her team.

Following is the proposed programme:—

BOYS	
50 Metres free-style; 100 Metres free-style; 400 Metres free-style; 100 Metres back-stroke; 200 Metres breast-stroke and 130 Metres Medley Relay.	
GIRLS	
50 Metres free-style; 100 Metres free-style; 400 Metres free-style; 100 Metres back-stroke; 200 Metres breast-stroke; 200 Metres free-style relay (four girls) and 150 Metres Medley Relay.	

QUADRANGULAR AQUATIC GALA

Lai Tsun Swimming Union are the participating clubs. Final arrangements and the programme have not been decided, as yet, Chinese War Charities to be held at Chinese Y.M.C.A. on either September 18 or 19.

Sing Tao, Eastern, Victoria Recreation Club and Lai Tsun are relay events.

L. E. Lammert (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	32	3	0	2
M. R. Pinna (Recelo "A")	2	1	0	1	36	42	0	6	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	57	58	0	1	2
P. O. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	44	65	0	21	2
S. H. Strange (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	78	0	27	2
R. C. Butler (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	66	80	0	14	2
C. Downman (K.F.C.)	5	1	0	4	92	131	0	38	2
T. Ferguson (K.F.C.)	6	1	0	5	103	121	0	18	2
Y. Abbas (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	18	0	4	0
E. A. Alkin (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	6	0
F. K. Modi (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	18	20	0	11	0
M. Guterres (Recelo "A")	1	0	0	1	15	28	0	13	0
U. A. Rumlajn (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	27	0	14	0
R. A. Edwards (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	20	0	16	0
A. F. Noronha (Recelo "A")	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	23	0
C. H. Fuller (K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	32	38	0	6	0
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	39	0	11	0
A. B. Mitchell (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	24	45	0	21	0
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	34	50	0	22	0
G. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	30	55	0	25	0
A. F. Paul (H.K.F.C.)	5	0	0	5	60	130	0	70	0

MIDDLESEX HAVE STILL TO SOLVE THEIR CENTRE FORWARD PROBLEM

By "Referee"

MIDDLESEX, WHO FINISHED FOURTH IN FIRST DIVISION OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE LAST SEASON AND WHO WERE THE LEADING NON-CHINESE TEAM, ARE ALL OUT TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITION THIS SEASON AND, WITH A GROUND AT

1941 LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OPENS THIS EVENING

THE 1941 COLONY LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP GETS UNDER WAY THIS EVENING, 14 MATCHES BEING DOWN FOR DECISION.

The champion, M. N. Rakusen, will not be playing until Wednesday, but L. A. Gutierrez, winner in 1932, and B. W. Bradbury, 1938 holder, are ex-champions who will be on view to-day.

At Kowloon F.C.	
L. F. Xavier	v J. C. Gill
J. C. Aitken	v E. Curtis
At Kowloon B.C.C.	
H. F. Shields	v A. J. Hall
A. E. P. Guest	v L. A. Gutierrez
At Civil Service C.C.	
E. Kirmen	v H. E. Strange
T. C. Monaghan	v F. Nolan
At Craigengower C.C.	
J. W. Harrop	v A. H. Rumjahn
C. Dowman	v W. McLeod

C.C.C. BOWLS RESULTS

Following are the latest Craigengower Cricket Club lawn bowls results.

RINKS COMPETITION

First Round: L. M. Roza, Y. Abbas, H. W. Randall and J. S. Landolt (skip) beat V. A. Itenson, G. S. Ladd, M. J. Medina and R. Basa (skip).
Second Round: W. E. Broadbridge, A. E. S. Alves, W. Ward and A. E. Coates (skip) beat J. H. Xavier, R. K. Pavri, D. A. Rozario and L. C. R. Souza (skip); S. R. Solina, M. A. Baptista, W. J. Howard and B. W. Bradbury (skip) beat C. W. Lam, L. Sui-wing, E. Zimmermann and W. K. Way (skip).

PAIRS COMPETITION

First Round: W. E. Broadbridge and D. A. Rozario beat A. K. Ismail and R. Basa.

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"YOUNGSTERS" WIN AT HONGKONG C.C.

In a one rink lawn bowls game at Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday, "Youngsters" (S. L. Lloyd, R. Young, H. F. Shields and T. C. Monaghan) beat "Oldsters" (J. Owen-Hughes, L. E. N. Ryan, E. S. Doughty and P. S. Cassidy) by 30-19.

The winners, led 15-6 at the 9th, scored 2 5 3 4 1 0 5 1 to lead 27-16 at the 17th.

The losers had to make a contribution to the Bomber Fund.

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RIGGS WINS TITLE

Bobby Riggs won the American lawn tennis men's singles championship at Forest Hills, beating Kovacs 5-7, 6-1, 6-3 and 6-3.

Kovacs went completely to pieces at the beginning of the second set and never regained his form in the face of the determined and methodical Riggs, who was becoming steadier minute by minute and did not lose a service ace in the last three sets.

In five times that he served in the last set Riggs conceded only two points.

It was one of the most one-sided Finals in history. — Reuter.

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Two matches in the Open Basketball League will be played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-night. V.R.C. will meet Wah Kiu and Bank Union will be up against Chinese "Y".

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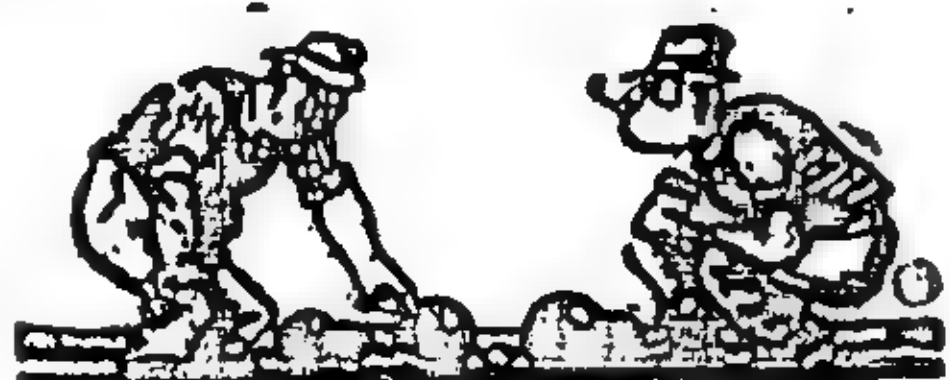
The Pirates are proving cousins to the Cardinals. In eight games against St. Louis, Pittsburgh were unable to come away with a single victory.

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Carnegie Cup eight-oared regatta bringing out Cornell, Princeton and Yale will not be held every third year on Lake Cayuga as it has in the past. The competition had to be called off on Lake Cayuga, May 17, because of rough water. It was the third such cancellation. Cornell University have yielded to the suggestion that the Carnegie Cup alternate between Lake Carnegie at Princeton and the Housatonic river at Derby.

Saturday's Sports

Due to the Manning Exercise, the sports programme was very much curtailed on Saturday, although the little that we had included two upsets in the Lawn Bowls League, one in First Division, where Indian Recreation Club, playing at home—only Recreation "A" have beaten them at Sookunpoo—beat Craigengower Cricket Club, who had, however, already won the championship and were, therefore, not affected by the loss of the points.



At Club de Recreio	
E. C. Fincher	v J. McKelvie
R. Leigh	v W. Nash
At Kowloon C.C.	
H. Nish	v Y. H. Tang
A. Eastman	v B. W. Bradbury
At Hong Kong F.C.	
J. S. Riddell	v A. M. Omar
W. Ward	v R. T. Broadbridge

In this game U. M. Omar completed his "double" over A. R. Dallas whom he beat for the second time in the League. It will be recalled that when Indians played Craigengower for the first time this season, three weeks ago at the Valley, it was Omar's win over Dallas that gave Craigengower the match by 3 shots. Incidentally, as a result of his latest win, Omar has assured himself of the title of Champion Skip for the season, an honour that is 100 per cent. deserved "for consistently good form."

POLICE Recreation Club, who are in the running for Third Division honours, had a rude shock when they were beaten in their Third Division

away match against Craigengower, and though they still have two matches in hand, they will not be able to afford any more reverses if they are to carry off honours for the season.

U.S. NAVY came through with flying colours when they beat Hong Kong All-Stars in the fourth of

VALLEY GOLF ENTRIES

Entries received up-to-date for the Valley Golf Championship, to be played on September 14, are as follows:—

H. H. Mundy and R. S. Robertson, D. Waas and G. E. Willerton, A. J. Dennis and F. C. Barry, T. B. Low and R. K. Collings, M. A. Cairns and W. Stoker, R. M. Keown and N. J. Bebbington, G. T. Lowry and A. V. Greaves, G. W. Sewell and J. Linker, N. J. Booker and J. M. Thomson, W. J. Buller and A. E. Clark, G. Milne and J. D. Thomson, T. J. Price and H. N. Williamson, R. McEwen and R. Ellis.

The pairings are merely for starting times.

their five-game charity series to knot the count at 2-games all. It was a good game that had to go four extra innings before a decision could be reached, and the crowded stand was very appreciative of the fare served up to them.

I noticed that five or six of the lady spectators in the grandstand kept score books of their own, and were following the game with the keenest interest. It came as a surprise that members of the fair sex were so interested in baseball.

THE Police-Kwong Wah football match at Boundary Street, which the latter won 7-2, was more in the nature of a practice than anything else, and while Kwong Wah forwards showed themselves to be a smooth-working line, Police attackers were wanting in more ways than one.

Two bathing galas, one at Chung Shing and the other at Chinese Civil Service Bathing Club, were held, and though nothing outstanding took place, Ng Nin showed that he is still a force to be reckoned with by winning, at the Chung Shing gala, the 200 Metres freestyle quite comfortably in 2 mins. 37 secs.

W. E. L.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT DEAD

President's Mother Passes At Age Of 87

ROOSEVELT BROADCAST POSTPONED

President Roosevelt's broadcast, scheduled to take place to-day, has been postponed until Thursday, according to a report by the Columbia Broadcasting System, says a Reuter message from New York.

FOOCHOW RETURNING TO NORMAL

CONDITIONS IN FOOCHOW ARE GRADUALLY RETURNING TO NORMAL. WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE CITY UNDER WAY, FORMER RESIDENTS ARE RETURNING IN LARGE NUMBERS.

To relieve the acute shortage of food, the Fukien Provincial Food Bureau has sent a considerable quantity of rice for distribution among the refugees. The price of the staple is now quoted at \$160 per picul, which at the time of the fall of the city rose to as high as over \$1,000 per picul.

Communication on the Min River was restored yesterday when a ship left down river amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. Thousands of persons lined the banks of the river and cheered the departing vessel, and fire-crackers were let off.—Central News.

Spent Childhood In Hong Kong

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S mother is dead. The President and his wife spent Saturday night at his mother's bedside and were with her when she died at 11.15 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

She had been unconscious for 12 hours following what the family physician, Dr. Scott Smith, called "an acute circulatory collapse due principally to advanced age."

The first intimation of this development came on Friday night but Mrs. Roosevelt's condition did not become alarming until late on Saturday.

The funeral, to be held at Hyde Park to-morrow, will be private.

The old lady spent most of the Summer in her cottage on Campo Bello Island, New Brunswick. She left there for Hyde Park on August 31.

White House officials are unable to say whether as a result of his mother's death, President Roosevelt's broadcast due to-day will be cancelled, deferred or delivered at the scheduled time.

If the latter course is adopted the broadcast would come from Hyde Park instead of Washington.

Childhood In Hong Kong

The late Mrs. Sara Roosevelt was the wife of James Roosevelt, fourth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1938 she met the King and Queen during their stay at Hyde Park, residence of the President and his wife, while Their Majesties were on a tour of Canada and the United States.

Born in 1854 at Algonac, a few miles from Newbold, New York State, the late Mrs. Roosevelt spent her childhood in Hong Kong where her father was in business.

On her return to Algonac she married in 1880 James Roosevelt, who was a distant cousin.

In December, 1900, when the present President was 18, his father died and from then on Mrs. Roosevelt's affection was centred on her son, whose meteoric career she followed step by step with great pride.

Went To Paris

In September, 1937, at the age of 83, the late Mrs. Roosevelt went to Paris at the invitation of the French Government. She visited the Paris Exhibition where she was entertained to an official luncheon. She entered the luncheon room on the arm of M. Bonnet who was then the French Minister of Finance and previously French Ambassador in Washington.

It is presumed that the late Mrs. Roosevelt will be buried at St. James Episcopal Church, in Hyde Park village, where the President's father was interred.

Mrs. Roosevelt was very active, attending many charitable functions and State occasions but it is known that the President, when he went to Hyde Park for the week-end, wanted his mother to have "a check up" at the hands of her doctor.—Reuter.

BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD

(Continued from Page 1) blem will be only begun for the boundaries are a network of rivers and canals.

Stiff Task Ahead

The southern sector alone is threaded by five canals, while the 400-yard wide River Neva protects this quarter from the east.

With the Russians determined to fight from waterway to waterway and from house to house, and with winter coming soon, it is easy to imagine the formidable task and huge toll of human lives awaiting the Nazis before their communiques will be able to claim they have taken Leningrad "according to plan."

Gomel Success

Further successes in local operations in the Western sector were reported in Moscow yesterday.

In one of the sub-sectors, in the direction of Gomel, a Soviet rifle division, after overcoming considerable resistance, has taken a number of large inhabited places and destroyed 21 German tanks and many guns.

At another point in the Western sector, the Germans had established bridgeheads across the River Khmar, while Soviet aircraft, by dive-attacks, destroyed bridgeheads and prevented the crossing and killed some hundreds of Germans.

Soviet planes also attacked two aerodromes used by the enemy

AMERICAN R.A.F. AVIATORS DROWNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Four American aviators lost their lives, while seven were rescued, when a ship carrying them to Britain was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic.

The eleven men were on the way to join the R.A.F. after training at R.A.F. centres in the U.S. and Canada. The survivors were brought to Scotland by a Polish warship.—International News Service.

VATICAN STRETCHES A POINT

IT WAS LEARNED FROM VATICAN CITY THAT THE SHORTAGE OF WOMEN'S STOCKINGS IN ITALY HAS CAUSED A MINOR REVOLUTION IN CATHOLIC TRADITIONS.

Yesterday the Vatican authorities permitted women to enter St. Peter's stockingless.

The decision, which was based on the almost complete lack of stockings in Italy except for women who are able to pay exorbitant prices, probably will be applied to all Italian churches, says a Reuter message from Berne.

and destroyed 35 'planes, damaging others.

Soviet Communiqué

Following is the text of the Soviet communiqué:

"During September 7 stubborn fighting continued against the enemy along the entire front.

"Our Air Force dealt massive blows against enemy troops and attacked his air force on his aerodromes.

"Twenty-three German 'planes were destroyed on September 5 in air combats and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 11 'planes.

The German submarine "U-73" was captured in the Sea of Barentz."

German Claims

"German bombers last night bombed the town and harbour of Odessa as well as railway junctions of military importance with good effect," said the German official news agency in Berlin yesterday.

The agency adds: "Small and large fires testified to the effect of the attack." — Reuter.

BALANCE SHEET IN THE AIR

Royal Air Force losses in European zones last week showed a considerable drop compared to the several previous weeks although their western offensive continued unabated, it was stated in London yesterday.

Losses in western Europe and the Middle East last week were 38 Axis machines and 46 R.A.F.

Twenty-eight R.A.F. bombers failed to return from raids on Germany, occupied territory and attacks on shipping.

R.A.F. fighters destroyed 14 Messerschmitts for the loss of 11.

In the Middle East 20 Axis bombers and fighters were destroyed for the loss of seven R.A.F. machines.

On several sweeps fighter pilots reported Messerschmitts refused to fight and it appears that the Luftwaffe chief is trying to conserve pilots.—Reuter.

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Issue Still In The BalancePWD MAN'S
CONDITION
CRITICAL

Mr. J. G. Campbell, Chartered Civil Engineer of the Public Works Department, who is suffering from the effects of poison, was stated at Kowloon Hospital this morning to be "still very critically ill."

Mr. Campbell was admitted to hospital last evening suffering from the effects of poison.

Asked if he could tell the nature of the poison, Dr. Uttley told the "China Mail": "I don't think so, not yet."

According to the police, Mr. Campbell's condition is "very grave." He was stated to be suffering from narcotic poisoning.

The "China Mail" learns reliably that Mr. Campbell had been notified that he would be called to testify at the A.R.P. enquiry.

German
Defences
Crumble

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The slaughter of 15,000 Germans and the destruction of large quantities of Nazi weapons and equipment by violent Soviet artillery fire in a single day, was announced in Moscow yesterday.

The Red Air Force dealt massed blows at panzers, troops and artillery emplacements.

The Soviets announce energetic counter-attacks on all five main fronts and emphasise the power of massive Russian field-guns which are being increasingly used in the defence of Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa and other centres.

Recapture of an important section of the railway south of Leningrad is reported.

THE "RED STAR" SAYS THAT ON THE CENTRAL FRONT, WHERE THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING FOR THREE WEEKS, THE GERMAN DEFENCES ARE PROGRESSIVELY CRUMBLING. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

GERMANS ACTIVE
IN BULGARIA

Travellers arriving in Ankara from Bulgaria report great German activity in Varna and Burgas. Rumours are circulating in Turkey that the German naval headquarters have moved from Sofia to Varna. — Reuter.

Difficult Tasks
Ahead Of Germans

(By "Annalist")

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK-END THE BATTLE OF LENINGRAD CONTINUED UNABATED. THE ISSUE REMAINS IN THE BALANCE: THE SOVIET COMMUNIQUE IS RETICENT, REPORTING ONLY THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES, WHILE EVEN THE GERMANS MERELY FALL BACK UPON THE ACCUSTOMED FORMULA THAT OPERATIONS CONTINUE "ACCORDING TO PLAN."

Despite the huge effort the Germans are making it seems they have nothing concrete to report since their claim two days ago that Leningrad was under shell-fire.

Even if this claim is true it is not particularly significant, for it may be noted that Odessa, Tobruk, and even Dover, all along have been under German shell-fire but are far from being in German hands.

Nevertheless it would be foolish to underrate the seriousness of the German thrust on Leningrad and no doubt it is just because the Russians realise the strategic importance of that city that they

are now exerting such strenuous efforts to defend it.

Should Leningrad fall any time before winter sets in, it might leave a section of the Nazi army free to sweep inwards towards Moscow, and in addition would give them in the port of Leningrad a valuable supply base free from mud and snow though not from ice, for it should be noted that the whole Gulf of Finland is ice covered throughout the winter months.

Formidable Defences

The defences which the Germans are now facing in Leningrad are formidable.

INDEED, THE THREE CONCENTRIC RINGS OF FORTIFICATIONS AROUND ITS SOUTH-EASTERN APPROACHES (THE ONLY DIRECTION FROM WHICH THE CITY CAN SERIOUSLY BE THREATENED) HAVE BEEN COMPARED IN STRENGTH WITH THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

They may not be impregnable but they will certainly exact a disastrous toll of German lives if the Nazis decide to try and take the city by storm.

Even if the Germans reach the very outskirts of this city of 3,000,000 inhabitants, their prospects are bleak.

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GERMANS
RUSHING UP
MORE TROOPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports received by Belgian circles in London yesterday declared that the Luxembourg railways are jammed with German troop-trains.

The trains, it was reported, are rushing reinforcements to the eastern front. — International News Service.

JAPANESE
LEAVING
SYRIA

THE JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL AT BEIRUT, WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER SYRIA, LEBANON AND PALESTINE, WILL CLOSE TO-DAY OWING TO EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Consul-General, Mr. Saito, and the Vice-Consul are leaving Beirut.

Other Japanese officials and civilians have already left for Japan. — Reuter.

Nazi Claims
"Nonsense"

IT WAS STATED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY THAT THE GERMANS ARE NOWHERE NEAR THE SOUTH-EASTERN APPROACHES OF LENINGRAD, STILL LESS THE EASTERN APPROACHES.

WITHOUT THE CAPTURE OF THESE, IT IS POINTED OUT IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL, IT IS NONSENSE TO TALK OF THE CITY BEING ISOLATED, EVEN THOUGH SOME RAILWAYS MAY BE PUT OUT OF ACTION FOR A SHORT TIME. — REUTER.

THREAT OF
THE GREER
ISSUE

The German charges against President Roosevelt over the Greer incident are treated as ludicrous in Washington, as no one believes the Greer had any orders to do anything but defend itself.

Moreover, the destroyer was so plainly marked that no submarine commander with his periscope above water could possibly have mistaken her for one of those that had been transferred to Great Britain.

The incident, which appeared fairly innocuous at first, now threatens to develop into a serious diplomatic issue, and while none still believes that it can lead America into the war, it will intensify relations, and similar incidents in the future would unquestionably inflame opinion in Washington.

REPORTS FROM HYDE PARK THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS CONSIDERING CONVOYS AS THE RESULT OF THE GREER INCIDENT ARE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON WITH INTENSE INTEREST, BUT NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS HEAD IS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. — REUTER.

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RED SUPREMACY IN THE AIR

Striking Analysis By Major-General Grendal

WHOLE OF LUFTWAFFE IN ACTION

"GERMANY HAS FLUNG ALMOST THE WHOLE OF THE LUFTWAFFE - FOUR AIR FLEETS AND ONE AIR CORPS - AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION," DECLARED A MAJOR-GENERAL GRENDAI, OF THE SOVIET AIR FORCE, IN AN ARTICLE IN "RED STAR" YESTERDAY.

"The first two months of the war against the Soviet Union have shown that the Germans have failed to achieve their chief aim - undisputed supremacy in the air.

"Aerial battles have proved definitely that the industry of Soviet aviation not only is not inferior to the corresponding German industry but on the contrary is superior to it in many ways.

"The enemy themselves are forced to admit the superior quality of our planes, and in particular that of our new fighter planes," the General continues.

"During the first two months of the war against the Soviet Union the Germans lost over 7,200 planes - an unheard of result in the history of aviation in general and the German air force in particular.

"In the course of the war our air force has destroyed over 2,000 Nazi planes on the ground. Our artillery is also inflicting on the enemy heavy losses.

"Nazi air formations are breaking up under the crushing attacks of our airmen.

Heavy Losses

"The 51st and 54th Bomber Squadrons of the Nazi Air Corps, commanded by General von Greim, lost during the first day of the war 30 per cent. of their planes, and the 57th Squadron 50 per cent.

"The losses of the German air force were heaviest in the zones of operations of Generals Kesselring's and Stumpf's air fleets in the western and south-western directions.

"The Germans now are using chiefly Heinkel 111's, Dornier 215's, Junkers 88's and Messerschmitt 109's.

"The Germans now are doing their utmost to speed up the output of their new fighters - the Heinkel 113.

Respect For Red Fighters

"Captured German pilots have made statements showing their very great respect for the new Soviet fighter, which they call I 17.

ANTI-NAZI INCIDENTS IN PARIS

The Swiss radio, under the title "New incidents in Paris," reports a fire alleged to have been started maliciously in a garage in the 16th Arrondissement in Paris which was requisitioned by the Germans.

Firemen extinguished the fire and investigators found in the garage bombs which had not exploded.

In the Eiffel Tower quarter revolver shots were fired at a German soldier who was slightly wounded.

In the Bourse district a German civilian was ill-treated, the Swiss radio adds. - Reuter.

M. EGAL GREETED

RODERICK EGAL, LEADER OF FREE FRENCH IN SHANGHAI, NOW IN SINGAPORE, WAS RECEIVED ON SATURDAY BY ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, BRITISH NAVAL FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, AND BY AIR CHIEF-MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FAR EAST, WHO CONGRATULATED HIM ON HIS RELEASE.

During the interview, which lasted half an hour and which took place at the naval base in the presence of Charles Baron, General de Gaulle's delegate in Singapore, the Vice-Admiral and Air Chief Marshal expressed sympathy towards the Free French movement. - Reuter.

...pelled to reduce the scale of its military operations.

Radius Of Action Reduced

"IT IS IN THE LIGHT OF THESE FACTS THAT ONE SHOULD EVALUATE THE LOSSES OF HITLER'S AIR FORCE IN THE WAR AGAINST THE U.S.S.R.

"At present the German air force is forced to reduce its radius of action and transfer its units from one direction of the front to another.

"Even when working at full capacity Germany's aeroplane factories are unable to replace her rapidly increasing losses.

"On the other hand our inexhaustible strength is growing from day to day." - Reuter.

MAJOR DECLARATION OF POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The broadcast which President Roosevelt is expected to deliver on Thursday may be a major declaration of American policy and will presumably cover the Atlantic situation in the light of the "Greer" incident and the Pacific situation, in which the American-Japanese talks are now stalled.

Translations of the speech will be transmitted over short-wave in 14 languages. - International News Service.

THE AXIS SHIPPING LOSSES

APART FROM THE FACT THAT, AS STATED BY THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY RECENTLY, OUT OF A GRAND TOTAL OF 13,000,000 TONS OF MERCHANT SHIPPING OF THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES, OVER 7,000,000 HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM THE AXIS CLUTCHES TO PLAY A PART IN THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC, THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE EFFECTIVE USE OF PORTS AND SHIPPING WHICH THEY HAVE ACTUALLY CAPTURED.

From Kirkenes to Stavanger and from Den Helder to La Pallice, from Genoa to Palermo and from Catania to Taranto, British aircraft and warships are constantly attacking bases of Axis coastwise shipping, while on the sea itself Axis shipping is suffering losses far greater in proportion than those suffered by Britain in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Six million tons of shipping originally owned by the occupied territories, added to the German total of a little under 4½ million tons, makes just under 11 million tons.

Adding to this the merchant shipping tonnage of Italy, a little under 3½ million tons, there is a grand total of 14 million tons of shipping available for the Axis.

Of this four million tons has now been captured, sunk or scuttled, so that the Axis has already lost two-sevenths, of which a considerable proportion, far from being a dead loss, has been added to the total employed by the British. - British Wireless.

ADMIRAL LEAHY

Admiral Leahy, U.S. Ambassador to Vichy, left Toulouse on his way to Barcelona on Saturday morning. - Reuter.

GIFTS FOR BOMBERS

A gift of £105,762 from Malayan mines towards a bomber fund has been gratefully acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production.

Other gifts include £5,250 from the citizens of Harrow (Middlesex) towards their Spitfire Fund and a further contribution of £30,000 from the Madras Governor's War Fund.

Madras has now contributed £299,954 towards a bomber squadron. They have already given £800,000 for three fighter squadrons. - British Wireless.

WIDESPREAD R.A.F. RAIDS IN LIBYA

FURTHER WIDESPREAD and successful R.A.F. raids in Libya and the destruction of a number of enemy aircraft on the ground, were announced in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued yesterday.

The communique says that in Libya R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked shipping alongside the Spanish Quay at Tripoli on the night of September 5/6.

A medium-sized merchantman was hit by a bomb and many direct hits were obtained on the quay.

Other R.A.F. bombers raided a number of objectives in Cyrenaica. At Derna large fires broke out and in one of these an explosion took place, followed by showers of sparks.

A number of enemy aircraft on the ground are believed to have been destroyed.

Night Fighters Over Suez

A motor transport camp south of Derna was also attacked and fires resulted from our bombing.

At Martuba bombs fell among dispersed aircraft and motor transport and the glow of fires could be seen all over the target area.

Other attacks were made on Bardia and the aerodrome at El Adem.

During the night of September

6/7 enemy aircraft tried to raid the Suez Canal area. Our night fighters shot down two raiders and damaged others.

From all these operations one of our aircraft is missing. - Reuter.

RELATIONS RESUMED

GREECE AND RUSSIA ARE TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHICH WERE INTERRUPTED BY THE GERMAN INVASION OF THE BALKANS.

A Greek delegation, representing the Government of Mr. Tsouderos, will leave Istanbul next week for Moscow led by Mr. Pignolis, former Greek Minister to the Soviet, who will remain in Moscow as Minister, presenting his letters of credence to Stalin in the name of King George of Greece. - Reuter.

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CHEMICAL WORKS BOMBED

THE FULL STORY OF THE LATEST R.A.F. RAID ON THE RHINELAND WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE IN LONDON.

It related that although there was a moon and clear sky over western Germany, the target was found only after skilful navigation. It was the chemical works at Huls, just north of the Ruhr, an important plant for the manufacture of buna, or synthetic rubber, with which Germany planned to make the army and air force independent of the blockade.

One Whitley pilot circled and criss-crossed over the whole area for an hour and a half before the navigator was certain that the right place was located.

Then he saw his bombs explode among buildings and several fires spring up.

Other crews had similar experiences. Searchlights were everywhere—one pilot dived within 100 feet of the ground to escape them—and anti-aircraft fire was intense.

"Rattling Bones"

One Canadian on his return described shrapnel fragments rattling against the bomber as like "a darky dancer rattling the bones."

Many Nazi night fighters were seen.

A Messerschmitt 110 attacked a Wellington from astern and then passed underneath.

The Wellington's front gunner opened fire but the Nazi returned for another attack.

Then both front and rear gunners fired.

There was no answer from the Messerschmitt which dived straight down "damaged, probably destroyed," as the crew said in their report.

The plant was subjected to a heavy bombardment often only from a few thousand feet, and many crews reported hits on the dead centre of the target and among storage tanks.

Fires were started, emitting dense clouds of smoke.—Reuter.

SCIENTISTS TO GATHER

Representatives of Britain and the Empire, the U.S.A., the Soviet and China will meet at a three-day scientific conference in London from September 26 to 28.

The conference "will demonstrate the common purpose of men of science in ensuring a post-war order in which the maximum benefits of science will be secured for all people."

Mr. John Winant, M. Ivan Malsky and Dr. Wellington Koo, the U.S., Russian and Chinese Ambassadors, respectively, will preside at some of the sessions. Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France will be represented and invited scientists from Germany and Austria will probably also be present.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC

SIR FREDERICK EGGLESTON, FIRST AUSTRALIAN MINISTER TO CHUNGKING, ARRIVED IN SINGAPORE YESTERDAY. HE STATED: "THE POLICY OF MY APPOINTMENT IS GRADUALLY TO EXTEND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION OF AUSTRALIA TO ALL COUNTRIES IN THE PACIFIC WITH WHICH WE HAVE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT."

"This does not involve any breach if we are in unity with the British Commonwealth of Nations. Those appointed will regard their task as one of cooperation with the British Ministers."

"It is of course true that Australia may have different interests on certain points but there will be constant consultation so as to beat out a common policy."—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT A RECORD

MR. A. W. FADDEN, Prime Minister, in a broadcast in Sydney yesterday, reviewing the two years of war, said that Australia's war effort is rapidly gaining strength.

"With pride, I claim that never before has a country of 7,000,000 people done so much in two short years. During the current year, Australia is devoting 30 per cent. of its total resources directly to the war effort," Mr. Fadden said.

"On this day of national prayer, we have dedicated ourselves once more to the supreme task of defeating the forces of evil."

Mr. Fadden added that at least one in four Australians of fighting age were serving with the fighting forces namely 400,000 in the navy, army and air force. Within another two years the figure will exceed 600,000 in addition to 200,000 engaged directly or indirectly in the production of munitions, war equipment and war supplies.

The naval personnel had increased threefold and the air force personnel seventeenfold.

Vital Year

Mr. Fadden paid a fine tribute to Mr. Menzies, his predecessor as Prime Minister, who, he said,

BIGGER AND BETTER BOMBERS FOR R.A.F.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Army is moving to create the world's largest fleet of long-range sub-stratosphere bombers and has let contracts totalling \$347,000,000 for new Flying Fortresses.

The new craft are larger and more powerful than the type the R.A.F. is now using and will prove more effective in bombing Germany.—International News Service.

THE PAGE MISSION

SIR EARLE PAGE, WHO SHORTLY IS COMING TO LONDON TO REPRESENT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, ISSUED A STATEMENT IN SYDNEY YESTERDAY REGARDING HIS MISSION.

He said: "My function will be to establish personal Cabinet liaison between the two Governments. I am still responsible to the Australian Parliament and people."

"The primary purpose of my mission will be the presentation of the Australian viewpoint in certain major problems for maintaining the system of direct Cabinet representation in London."—Reuter.

AUSSIE LEGATION

The First Secretary of the Australian Legation in Chungking arrived by air on Saturday afternoon from Rangoon. He was met at the airfield by representatives of the British Embassy and the Chinese Foreign Office.—Reuter.

TURK-NAZI TRADE TALKS HANDICAPS

MR. NUMAN Menemendjoglu, Secretary-General of the Turkish Foreign Office, is reported to be ill and is not expected to be able to conduct the trade negotiations with Clodius, the German Trade Chief, and his mission.

It is thought that Cevat Ackkalin, third man in the Foreign Office, will be the chief Turkish delegate. The German mission, which is due to arrive at Ankara to-day, is headed by Minister and Counsellor Baron Sueskindschwendt and Reichmann, but Clodius himself is not expected until later, probably after the recovery of Menemendjoglu.

It is learned in Turkish business circles that the Germans are likely to press for chrome which Germany does not need at the present, but wants to purchase in order to strike a diplomatic blow at Britain who, according to an agreement which, however, expires shortly unless renewed, was granted the right to purchase all of Turkey's exportable surplus chrome.

The Snags

Dr. Clodius, head of the German Trade Commission to Turkey, has now arrived in Istanbul by air at the head of a large delegation including nine economic experts and is proceeding to-day to Ankara, where the trade talks will be held.

The Turkish delegates will be headed by Kishmir, Counsellor of the Ministry of Commerce.

It is believed that the new agreement envisages transactions valued at about £20,000,000 based on a barter system.

In view of the defects in the means of transport and the considerable difficulties in communications on land and sea, it is considered that the Germans will be unable to derive all the advantages hoped for from the agreement.—Reuter.

MR. MACKENZIE KING BACK

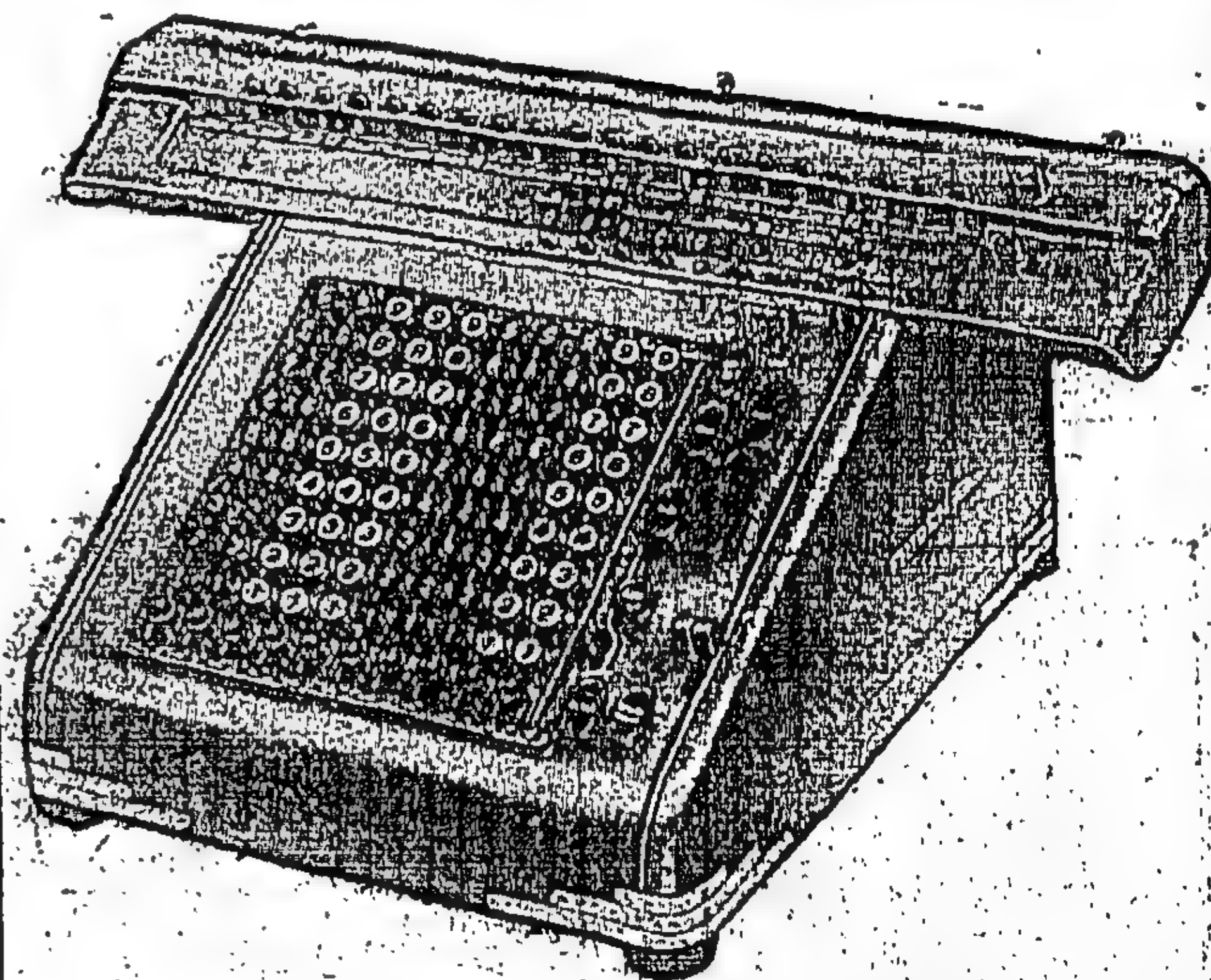
Mr. Mackenzie King arrived in Montreal from London yesterday. When he alighted from a transport plane of the R.A.F. Ferry Command, he was greeted by Mr. La Pointe, Minister of Justice, and Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions.—Reuter.

AFRAID TO LOSE FACE

The arrival of two American tankers at Vladivostok, with oil for Russia, has not so far been reported by any Japanese newspaper as the result of action taken by Japanese censorship, according to reports reaching Shanghai.—Reuter.

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MESSAGE TO WOMEN OF WORLD

British women from every service, vocation, trade, and special environment sent a combined message to a great mass meeting of Russian women who broadcast yesterday from Moscow to the women of the world.

Typical signatures to the message from British women, in addition to those serving with the forces and civil defence services, are those of an M.P., bus conductor, painter, education authority, actress, telephone operator, college principal, post-woman, tractor-driver and architect.

The message was: "We, the women of Britain, welcome Soviet women as our comrades in the struggle of all free peoples against the Nazi menace. Day and night in our homes and factories and in the armed forces, we stand like you beside our men in the front line."

"We are stirred and encouraged by your heroism and steadfastness. We are welded to you in hatred of Hitlerism and the evils of the Nazi regime."

"We shall listen to the broadcast with eager interest and in the firm belief that our joint efforts will help bring victory to our cause. We look forward to the day when the women of the world will play a part in building the future of freedom, stability and justice for all mankind."

The Soviet women's appeal, to which similarly representative signatures were attached, included the following sentences: "On behalf of the millions of Soviet women we appeal to you to unite the efforts of the women of the whole world for the destruction of sanguinary Hitlerism. We are firmly convinced that by our joint efforts we will succeed in making the slogan 'women of the world—on to the struggle against Hitlerism' resound in every town and village in every country and become the watchword of freedom-loving women the world over."—British Wireless.

PREPARING FOR THE WINTER

FINNISH, HUNGARIAN AND RUMANIAN SAWMILLS ARE BUSY PRODUCING THOUSANDS OF STANDARDISED HUTS WHICH THE GERMANS ORDERED FOR USE IN RUSSIA DURING THE WINTER.

The need for huts was demonstrated in a film of the Russian war which the German Embassy recently showed to Turkish journalists who were amazed by the fact that they saw not a single hut standing throughout the film.

The huts are being made without windows, with an air-space between the inner walls in order to keep out the intense cold.—Reuter.

SALVAGE DRIVES

The beginning of salvage drives throughout the country was announced by the Princess Royal in a broadcast yesterday.

"To-morrow, Yorkshire, my own county," she said, "starts a drive and so do Gloucester, Somerset and Bristol, to be followed next week by Greater London."

She asked her listeners to picture a convoy of ten or a dozen ships with an escort of naval aircraft.

"Multiply that tenfold and you will get an idea of the shipping saved thanks to the 400,000 tons of waste paper already salvaged from homes in Britain. Scrap metal collected through council schemes alone add another 400,000 tons. But we want more to pile up home reserves until the safety margin is reached."—British Wireless.

THREE FIGHTERS LOST

Three British fighters were lost in yesterday's daylight operations, the Air Ministry announced in London.—Reuter.

CALL TO BRITISH JEWS

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. H. Hertz, is issuing a call to all Jewish communities throughout the British Empire to join in a "Week of Re-dedication" in the period culminating on the Day of Atonement.

Rabbi Hertz is to inaugurate the Week by broadcast addresses on September 21 and 22.—Reuter.

ETON OUTFIT DILEMMA

The Eton College boy's full regulation outfit, not including special sports and club blazers, waistcoats or white flannels, would require nearly 300 coupons, according to sums I did in the shops of an Eton hosier, a tailor and a shoemaker, writes a reporter.

"The clothes rationing order spells disaster for us," the manager of one of these firms said to me. "Most of the shops in the High-street depend on the college for about two-thirds of their trade."

Mr. G. W. Bayley, manager of W. V. Brown, hosiers, said that the regulation order, costing about £20, from a new Etonian to his son would be three pairs of pyjamas, six regulation shirts, six collars, three suits of underwear, six pairs of socks, four pairs of stockings, 12 handkerchiefs and one dressing-gown. That works out at 146 coupons, over twice the annual ration allowance.

Required from a tailor such as Mr. R. Hartley (W. A. Stimson, Ltd.) would be two suits, an overcoat, a change overcoat or blazer for games, two pairs of grey flannel trousers and two pairs of shorts, making 107 coupons.

Old Kit Useful

On the other hand, it has to be remembered that in the case of very few new boys is it necessary to purchase a new outfit complete. Mr. A. E. Coneybeare, Lower Master of the college, said he thought that kit sent back by old boys would be welcomed.

"A great deal of school clothing is handed down already," he said, "but I suppose still more will be now. I don't know whether we shall do away with the traditional clothes or not. I rather hope not. If we do, it may be for good."

KENT VIEW OF R.A.F. RAIDS

Flames from a chain of fires reddened the sky above Boulogne last night and watchers on the Coast believe that R.A.F. Bombers gave the invasion ports a 90-minute bombing in brilliant moonlight.

Thousands of people from Ramsgate to Dungeness had a grandstand view of the attack, for visibility was exceptionally clear.

Searchlights tried to pick out the R.A.F. raiders and batteries of anti-aircraft guns flashed into action all the way from Boulogne to Cap Gris Nez.

At 11.30 p.m. after the last of the raiders had re-crossed the Channel, big fires were burning more fiercely than ever.—Reuter.

BLENHEIMS BLOW UP A NAZI SHIP

An escort vessel was blown up and a supply ship set on fire off the Dutch coast yesterday, according to an Air Ministry communique in London which states:—

"Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked an enemy supply ship and escort vessel off the Dutch coast early this afternoon.

"The escort vessel was hit and blew up. The escort's supply ship was set on fire.

"An enemy fighter was destroyed by our escorting fighters.

"Our fighters also carried out several offensive sweeps over Northern France in the course of which they destroyed a second enemy fighter.

"In these operations we lost two Blenheims and two fighters."—Reuter.

AMERICA A UNITED BLOC

Addressing a huge audience on the occasion of the anniversary of Brazilian independence in Rio de Janeiro, President Vargas, referring to the policy of America as a whole declared:

"All aggression, from whatever quarter, will find us a united bloc made up of the greatest number of nationalities that have ever constituted a defence alliance."

Continuing, President Vargas said that the 119th anniversary of Brazil's independence could still be celebrated without mourning, for the people and the Government of Brazil had been able, despite the present difficult situation, to avoid the perilous shocks threatened by the forces that were deluging humanity in blood.

"We are a peaceful nation," he said, adding, "Our principal aim is to keep away from the terrible contingencies of war. We are, however, unable to foresee how events will develop and what circumstances we may be called to take part in and what efforts will be demanded of us."—Reuter.

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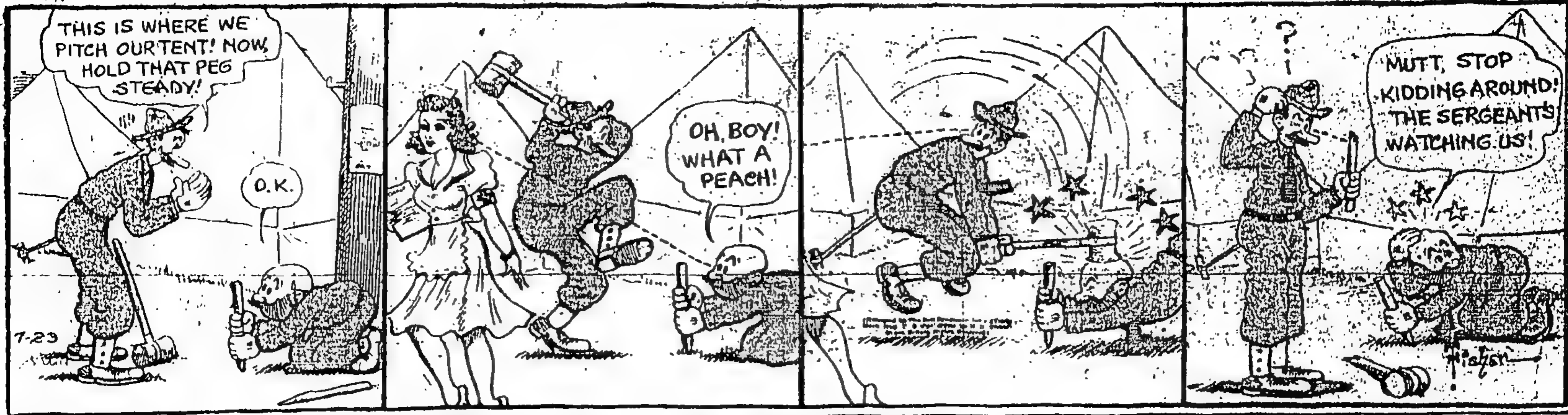
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DEPT. WORKS SO FAST!

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS are generally supposed to be "too slow for words." Well, here is one that works too fast for the public.

It is the War Damage Commission for the Midland Region, whose offices are in Easy Row, Birmingham.

The manager told the "Daily Mirror": "The public work much too slowly for us. We are waiting to pay out claims for war damage, but there are hundreds who have not filled in their claim forms that we have sent them.

"They seem scared of the questions and carefully study the form as though it were income tax.

"Afraid To Answer"

"Many of the forms come back to us only half completed because claimants are afraid to answer the questions and think we are out to trick them.

"We have to send the forms back, which wastes much time. It is the public who are holding us up. Our examiners are up to date in their examinations of war damage in their city.

"We keep a careful double check on all builders' charges and

have practically a fool-proof system against fraud." People who are homeless get first consideration.

CRUISERS LAUNCHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The 6,000-ton-cruiser "Atlanta" was launched at the Kearney (N.J.) shipyards, being the first ship to take the water since the Navy took over the yards.

Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone with the Wind," performed the launching ceremony.

In addition to the "Atlanta," another cruiser, the "San Juan," was launched yesterday. Both ships are capable of high speed.

— International News Service.

AUSTRALIA'S DESTINY

"We rejoice that the Russians are fighting so magnificently, but Russia cannot hope to defeat the Germans in Germany and bring her to her knees," declared Mr. W. M. Hughes, Minister for Navy, in a speech at Melbourne yesterday. "Australia's destiny depends on her ability to achieve unity." — Reuter.

Hitler And His Dog

The Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper, "Efe," sends a graphic description of Hitler's headquarters about which silence hitherto has been maintained.

Hitler's headquarters is no longer in the train which has been seen in newsreels.

"Difficulties of railway communications necessitated a change to a group of lorries which were transformed into a kind of automobile encampment," says the correspondent, adding: "The camp is always pitched near a mountain or wood so that Hitler can take solitary walks as he is accustomed to at Berchtesgaden.

"At present it is near a large wood where Hitler can be alone with a dog. A thousand precautions have been taken to keep the situation secret.

"Mail is sent by air to different aerodromes and then by car to the camp. "The Press Chief, Dietrich, has a special mobile office where world news is received so that Hitler is kept informed of current events." — Reuter.

SYRIAN TALKS

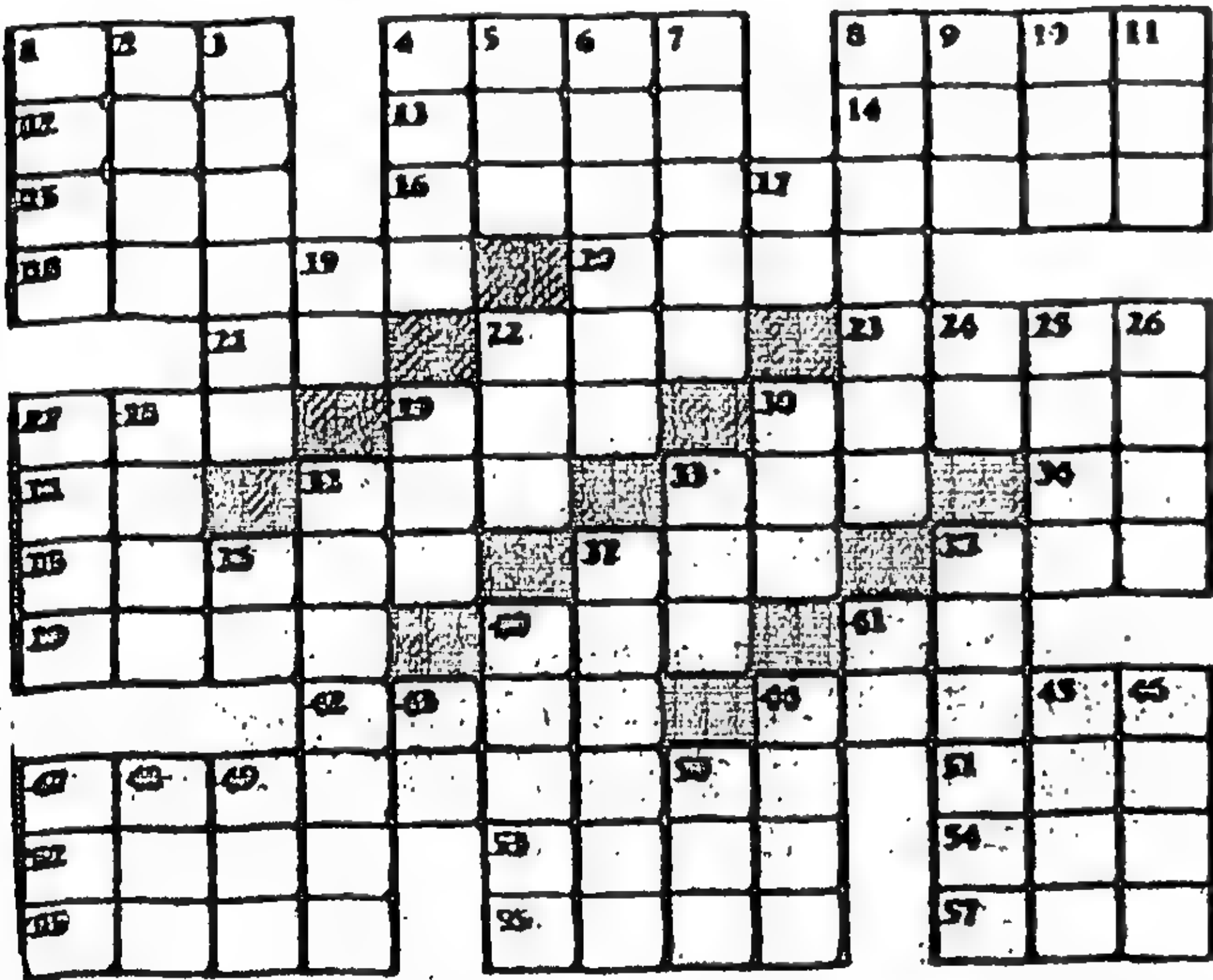
The Free French Leader, in the Near East, General Catroux, has proceeded to Aleppo for consultations with leading personalities concerning Syria's future. — Reuter.

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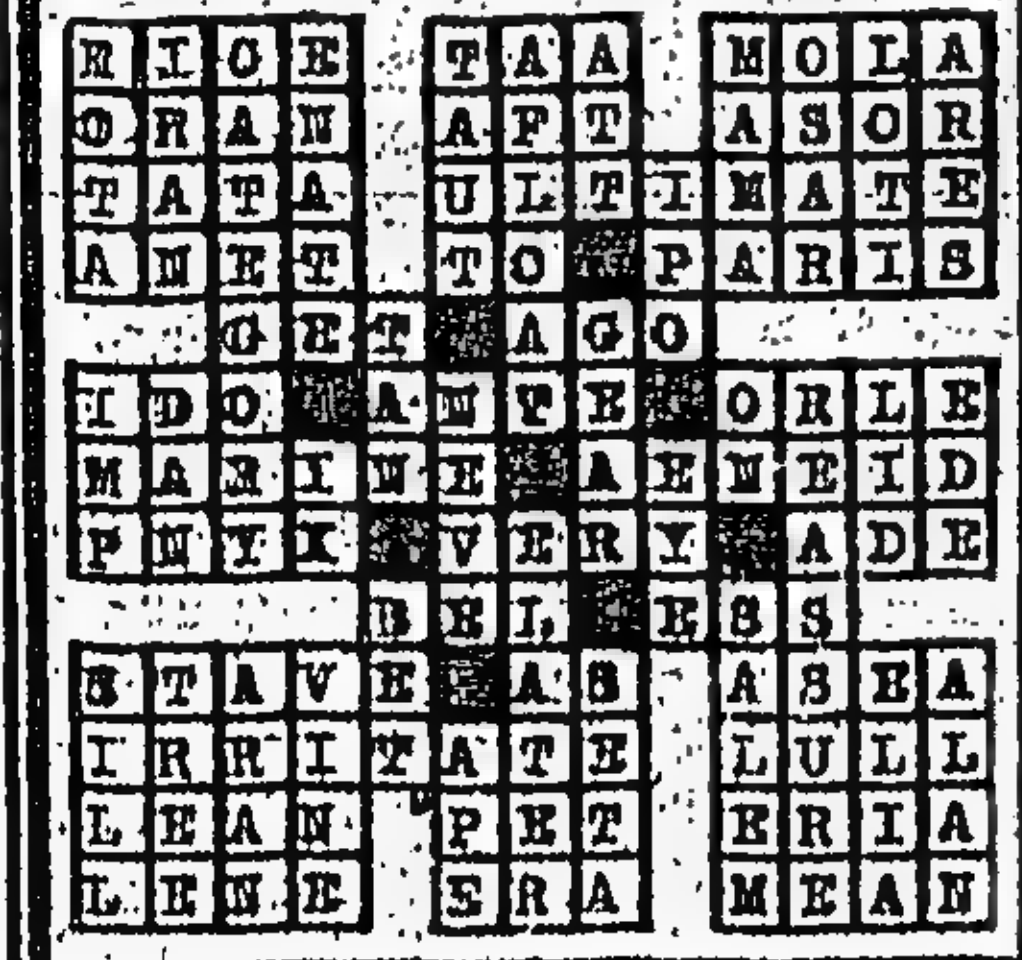


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- Consumed
 - Mexican coin
 - Epochal
 - Fuel
 - Chain of rocks
 - Masculine
 - Acorn-bearing tree
 - Unutterable
 - To flash
 - Observed
 - Japanese measure
 - To jostle
 - River in England
 - The lily
 - To mend
 - Stairs over a fence
 - Land measure
 - To deposit
 - Tip
 - French article
 - Spanish clock
 - To bring forth
 - Equality
 - Ox of Celebes
 - Termination
 - Exclamation of astonishment

- VERTICAL
- Excited
 - South African
 - Glacial ridges
 - Tidy
 - Poetic
 - nightfall
 - Alternate
 - Blind
 - To issue forth

- VERTICAL
- Hebrew title
 - Entirely
 - Sheltered
 - Symbol for iron
 - Sloth
 - Copious flow
 - Slx
 - Spanish cooking-vessel
 - Contiguous
 - Tibetan priest
 - Persia
 - Body of water
 - Star
 - Vigour
 - Secundrel
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 - Whole
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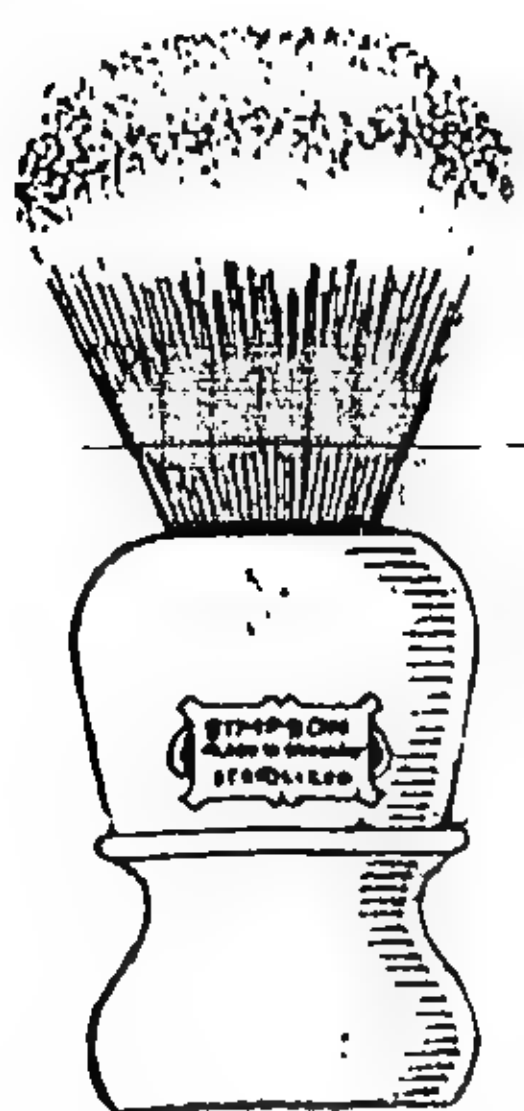
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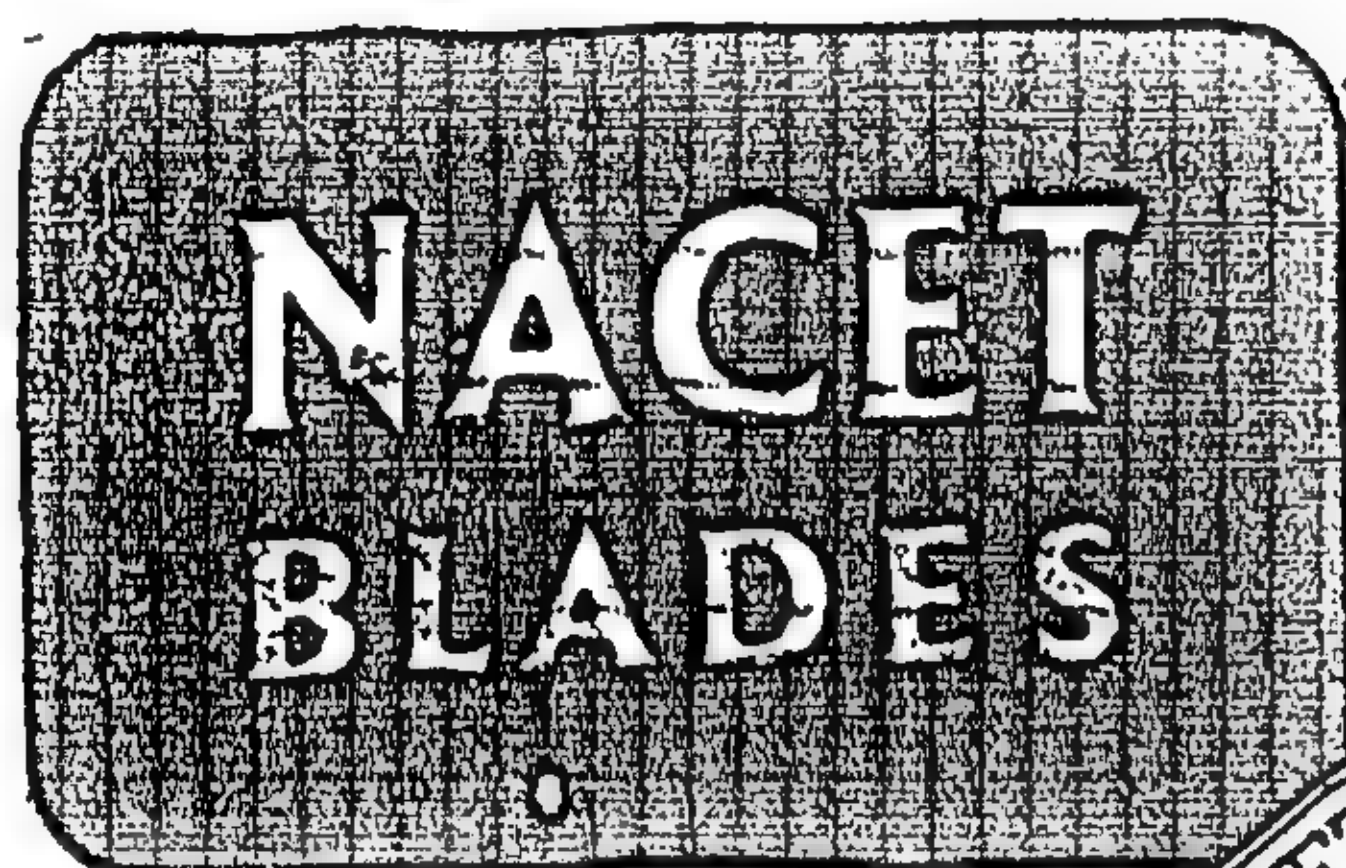
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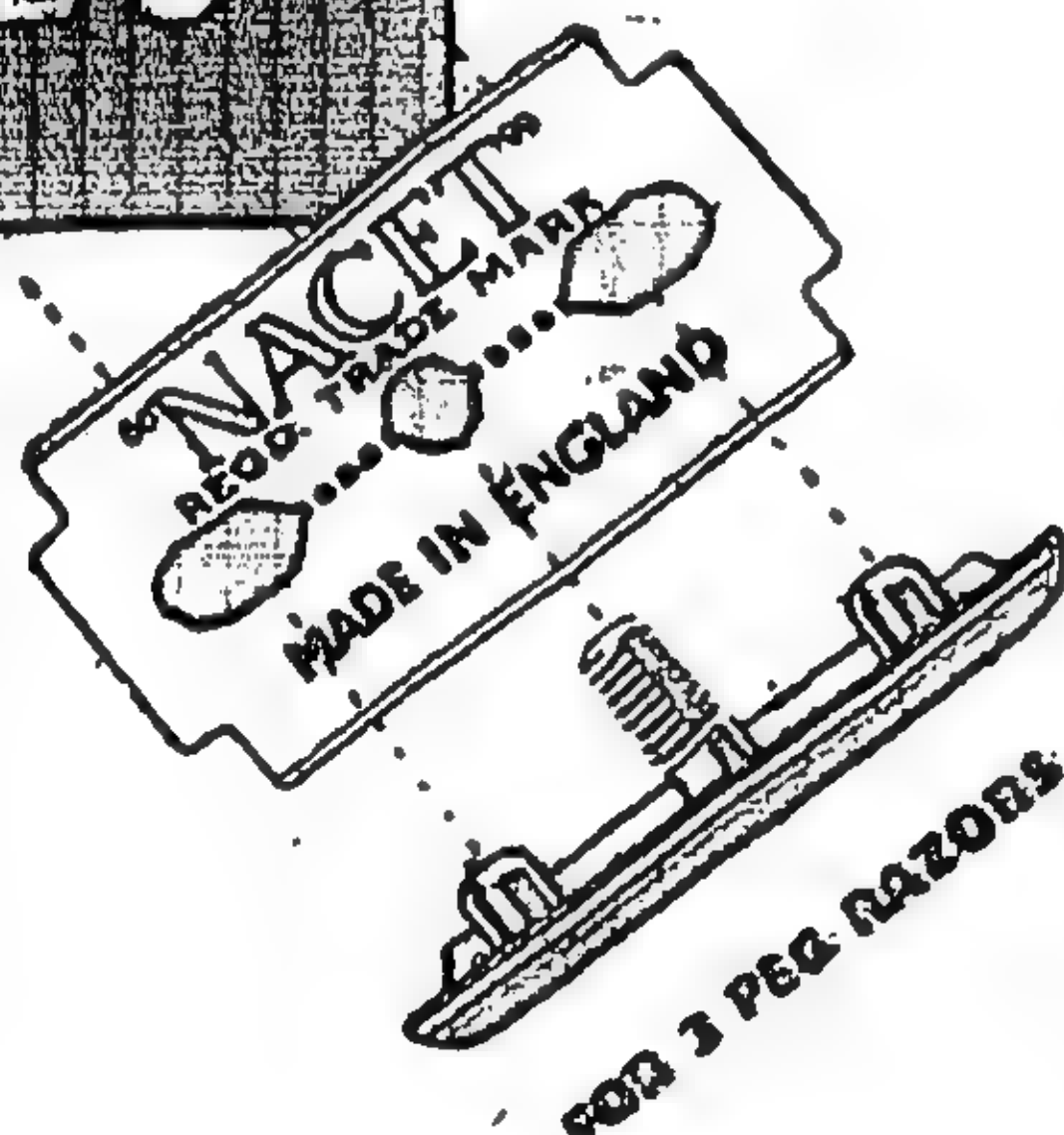
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U.S. PLANNING TO BEAT SHIP RECORD

SUCH IS THE FEVERISH activity in the shipyards on the Atlantic, the Pacific, the Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes that the United States seems to have borrowed the British slogan and to be determined to prove that America, too, can "deliver the goods."

The "ugly ducklings," as the new cargo boats now being built for Britain are called, are welded ships. But even wooden vessels from Maine's once idle shipyards are among the devices by means of which it is hoped to keep pace with the losses in the Battle of the Atlantic and elsewhere.

On paper the present programme is less spectacular than the one that this country adopted when it entered the last war, but the men in charge of it hope and believe it will prove more effective.

Speed Is Essential

Rear-Admiral Emory Land, who, as chairman of the Maritime Commission, is supervising this mercantile shipbuilding effort, told Congress that under the last war emergency programme the United States "built 2,300 ships, and not one of them got into service during the war." His present aim is to get the ships ready in time.

President Roosevelt himself emphasized the need for speed when he said that the 2,000,000 gross tons of cargo ships and oil tankers being made available to Britain "from the vast shipping pool assembled during the past few weeks are not enough."

"Since the Appropriation Act was passed," the President declared, \$550,000,000 has been allocated for the construction of new ships under the Lease and Lend Act. Contracts have been let and the new shipways required to build these ships are now nearing completion."

Rising Production

Detailed estimates are military secrets, but as things stand it is hoped that the United States will turn out at least 1,250,000 gross tons this year, that the output will rise to 2,500,000 gross tons next year, and that by the middle of 1943 the annual rate of production will have reached 5,000,000 gross tons. The total for 1940 was 540,000 gross tons.

Deliveries of 60 cargo boats ordered by Britain before the Maritime Commission began placing its emergency orders will start at the end of the present year. There are "ugly ducklings" designed for quick and easy construction.

Some commentators maintain that all this does not compare with the American programme in the last war, when the construction of more than 11,000,000 gross tons of merchant shipping was projected. But if the present plans are carried out successfully the record of actual achievement may well prove to be a much better one.

Half a million gross tons were turned out in 1916; nearly 1,000,000 in 1917, more than 3,000,000 in 1918, and more than 4,000,000 in 1919.

Naval Building Programme

Moreover, the United States is now building naval vessels on a scale that is without precedent in any country. Apart from hundreds of small craft some 450 warships are due to be completed by 1947 at the immense cost, including the provision of new shipbuilding facilities, of \$2,000,000,000.

Naturally this work occupies many of the country's yards and skilled workers. It is felt that it is just as important to strengthen the Fleet as it is to produce mercantile bottoms, but it is a fact that in the last war shipyards with a great many shipways were constructed on a much greater scale than is proposed at present.

When the emergency programme was launched in 1917 the United States had 61 yards and 215 shipways. At the end of that war there were 341 yards and 1,284 shipways — that is, more than twice the total of the

rest of the world. At the beginning of the present emergency construction programme the United States had 51 yards and 119 shipways. Some 150 additional shipways are now under construction and at least 50 to 60 more are projected.

Cost Of Ships

In its first comprehensive survey of the programme, the Maritime Commission places the cost of the 705 merchantmen "built building or under contract" at £406,000,000.

It estimates that expenditure on new facilities, such as additional shipways, will exceed £21,000,000 to bring the total cost of the programme to nearly £428,000,000.

These figures exclude construction not being supervised by the Commission, a category which includes the 60 "ugly ducklings" ordered by the British Government and 86 vessels of various types built privately. If these 146 ships are included, the total number of merchantmen "built, building or under contract" is increased to 851. Since 91 ships have been delivered under the Maritime Commission's long-range programme, 760 are now being built or on order.

Equal To Last War

The report has been received with the comment that in many respects the effort of to-day is equalling and in some respects is ahead of the last war programme, "which startled everyone, including Americans, by its scope."

Discussing the report, Captain Granville Conway, the Maritime Commission's director in the New York district, points out that, ship for ship, the present production is far superior to that of the last war. "One of our C-3 ships," he said, "is worth eight, and possibly ten, old composite or wooden ships, and in carrying power based on speed, loading equipment and capacity is far

GLAMOROUS BOY BLUE

A pair of glamorous satin knickers were being raffled by the W.R.N.S. at a naval town for a Blitz Fund.

To promote ticket sales, it was stated that the winner of the "knicks" would parade in them.

Naval boys bought nearly all the tickets. A sailor won the coveted "pants," so the parade was off.

PRISONER'S PEOPLE ESCAPE

A 20-year-old labourer escaped from the prisoners' waiting room at Lambeth Police-court recently. Shortly before his case was to be heard by the magistrate, Mr. Geoffrey Rose, a crash of glass was heard in court. The man had climbed 20ft up a rope to the skylight and kicked a hole in the glass. He climbed on the roof and then took a flying leap to a sloping roof in Brook Street Hospital grounds many feet below and vanished. The man was accused of shopbreaking and stealing or receiving costumes, value £24.

superior even to the best ships we built then.

"Our new ships have more hatches, and better loading equipment; so that two gangs can unload or load at a hatch at one time. That adds to the ship's speed, which is in any case superior."

It is predicted that America's ship production will really swing into high gear by next March. From that time on the rate of production will rise steadily, and unless the Nazis greatly increase the rate at which they are destroying Allied shipping, the democracies should begin to move towards achieving that margin of superiority which Mr. Ronald Cross believes we may hope to attain towards the end of 1942.

GOT FIVE ME'S IN A DAY

A NEWCOMER, 25, to a famous Polish squadron opened his score in the first offensive sweep by shooting down one Me. 109 and probably a second.

In the second sweep of that day he destroyed three — the third one he rammed, cutting off its tail with the propeller of his Spitfire after all his ammunition had gone.

He is now in hospital suffering from a cut forehead and a broken collar-bone.

His squadron was acting as escort in an attack on a target in Northern France.

When fifty miles inside France at 14,000ft. an Me. 109 flew in to attack.

Wheeling round he fired five bursts with his cannon. The third burst blew the enemy into tiny pieces.

The Polish pilot was about to take up his position in the squadron when he saw a 109 attack a comrade.

Rammed It

He fired two short bursts at the Me. 109 which started a dog

fight. When the Me. turned away, the Polish pilot chased after him. A short burst sent the enemy down.

Again the pilot tried to rejoin his squadron, but was attacked by another Me. 109.

When the Pole realised that he had run out of ammunition he rammed the 109, cutting the whole of the tail unit with his aircraft.

His windscreen was covered with oil and a broken fragment from the enemy got him in the face. He made for the English coast, blinded by the blood which poured from the wound.

The aircraft struck a telegraph pole and he broke a collar-bone.

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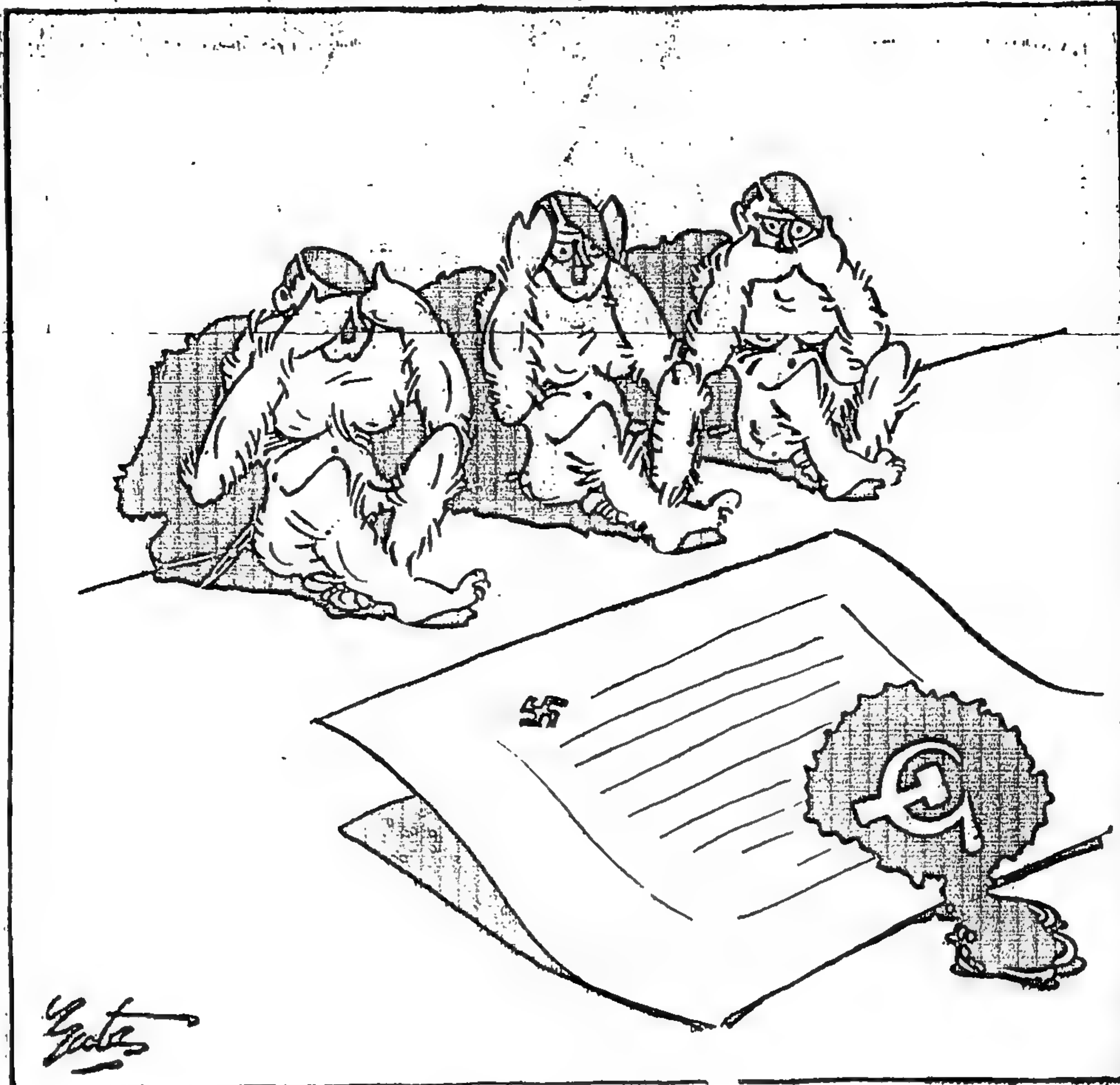
MAGIC LETTERS

When the history of this war comes to be written, a chapter may well be devoted to the part played in the conflict by symbols and letters of the alphabet. Much may be written about the psychological effect of the perverted swastika, the disturbing hammer and sickle, and the inspiring cross of Lorraine. Among letters that will live in an imperishable combination, signifying epic heroism, are R.A.F. And on the same plane will be the single letter "V." The campaign which swept through enslaved Europe on July 20, 1941, will be remembered long after men forget the epitaph, "Here Lies Joseph Goebbels." In spite of not too subtle Nazi attempts at adopting the symbol, it has escaped contamination. "V" stands for Victory in several languages, and for Victory in a sense that is entirely foreign to the present German Government's conception of "Sieg."

There is not much virtue in the letter "V" divorced from this idea of victory over the forces of evil. It is true "V" stands for valour. But it also stands for violence and vice; for vagabondage and vagrancy; vagueness and vanity; vampirism and vandalism; vacillation and vacuity; vassalage, venom, vermin, vultures, vituperation, vitriol, vulgarity — and Vichy. All these unlovely things that begin with "V" were thrust out of our minds when the one great "V" that stands for the overthrow of Hitler appeared. It was fortunate that the Fuehrer's father, when he changed his own name from Schickelgruber to something more Aryan, did not also re-christen his offspring Adolf with some such name as Viktor. Anyway, Hitler has no use for the letter "V." His whole faith is pinned to the sinister initial "H."

While Britain launched the "V" campaign, it has been said that she should attach more importance to the letter "W," which stands for Work as the best expression of the Will to Win. Incidentally, there is not only a "W," but the full word "Win" in her Prime Minister's first name. This may be hailed as another portent of victory, at a time when names, words and letters mean so much. It has also been noted that three great Americans have recently visited Britain in this order: "Welles, Will-

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TONGUE-TIED

Common Sense

Experts are evidently people who arouse deep feelings of respect or resentment. Some recent observations concerning the modern cult of experts brought a number of comments most of which were written, so to speak, at the top of the voice. There was a general show of strong emotion on the subject, so strong that I believe some explanations to be due.

The kind of thing against which I was protesting was the endless iteration of such words as "expert" in order to mesmerise the ordinary person and crush them with a sense of hopeless ignorance and inferiority. Just after I had written there appeared in a popular paper a perfect specimen of what I had in mind. The article was called "Each Housewife a Mrs. Beeton," a silly enough title since Mrs. Beeton was a lady who notoriously "took a dozen eggs" whenever she felt inclined and cooked with an extravagance which would have been absurd in 1939 and is wholly impossible in 1940. With every housewife striving to be a Beeton we should soon lose the war.

But let the lavish lady and her dozen eggs pass. The second caption announced that in home kitchens "Ministry Experts" would "Show How." The first line of the opening paragraph alluded to the coming of these "nattily dressed experts." Then we read that the housewife would "lend her kitchen to a Ministry expert," and that "the expert" would arrive to take over. There are apparently 1,000 of these "experts" at large (are tax-payers sustaining this entire legion as well as Cooper's Snoopers?) and they realise that "housewives in the poor districts do not always respond to the Mrs. Beeton touch." Considering Mrs. Beeton's brisk way with ingredients, this is good news for the Food Controller. Even better news is the announcement that housewives have sometimes actually given hints to the experts. One has always a certain sympathy for the fox that bites the M.F.H.

The object of this propaganda, which crams the word "expert"

kie and Winant. Take the first two letters of the first of these names and the first three of the second and third, and you have the reassuring words, "We Will Win."

into every line, is obviously so to impress and cow the wretched commoner that he or she will begin to believe in the omniscience of the "nattily dressed" 4,000 and swallow anything in their jargons as well as anything in their saucepans. The expert cult is, in fact, a minor cousin of the dictator cult, which is the present scourge of the world. Its job is to abolish self-reliance and to substitute for it an abject state of credulity and meekness before instructors. Of course instruction is a necessary part of

By
Ivor Brown

life, but the best teachers are usually those who carry themselves modestly, have a sense of humour, a power of self-criticism, and do not present themselves with the high title of "expert" when they are teaching their grandmother to boil eggs.

In the authoritarian State the expert launched by a Government department is a natural implement of policy. He is part of the whole apparatus of public hypnotism. Democracies have properly been shy of such creatures, and in Britain we insist that each Government department, however large and learned its staff of experts, shall be ruled at the top by a politician who comes "fresh" to the job, either from his own private profession or from another Government office. This may seem a curious way of doing things, yet it does, on the whole, work out fairly well, provided the man in question has natural ability and common sense.

It is noteworthy that everybody is praising the control of our war effort by Mr. Churchill, who has been everything from a journalist to a politician, from a soldier to a sailor, from an author to a bricklayer, is a good painter, and has shown an extraordinary attachment to the design of new and striking hats. At the same time praise has been generally and no doubt justly showered on Lord Beaverbrook, who passed with the greatest of ease from the production of cement to that of newspapers, and thence to that of aeroplanes, proving himself as talented a circulation-builder in the last as in the former occupa-

tions. There is really a strong case for Johannes Factotum, as they called William Shakespeare, for doing all the jobs in the theatre.

Everybody knows that many expert jobs need expert handling by thoroughly trained people. A precision instrument must be precisely made and used, and a complicated machine must be constructed, driven, and mended by a competent mechanic. But the necessity for experts in their own sphere of the mysteries of craft and science is no excuse for the pretence that everything is better called "science" and handed over to those who have a formidable apparatus of theory and vocabulary. It is by no means proven that the management of a home is improved by calling the process "Domestic Science," and I am not at all convinced that discharging 4,000 experts, however nattily dressed, into poor women's kitchens in order to make Beeton's of them all is going to improve either the national cooking or the national temper. One of the most important problems of statecraft is to settle the relative spheres of science and common sense.

Common sense! It is surely the sovereign quality in human business and society. The words do not mean that it is a common property and widely spread, but that its owner deals with common matters sensibly. Common sense is the eternal foe of pretentious theorising and cumbrous jargon. Its first business is to look below the word to the meaning and never to accept the claimant to special knowledge and the seeker after special power on his own terms. Common sense is essentially a probe. Having agreed that the expert is an expert and that the job is one which genuinely needs his specialised knowledge, it puts him to work. But when it accents him as an authority on technique, it does not accept him as a maker of policy. A world run by experts would be chaos, because experts are habitually, and perhaps rightly, contented on a tiny little world of their own. To the ear-spezialist, the human body is apt to be one vast ear, and to the gastric surgeon, the human being may be little more than a gut, some tubes, and an appendix. Specialists need general practitioners to sustain their sense of proportion, and this is just as true of politics as it is of medicine. "Every profession," Mr. Shaw has said, "is a conspiracy against the public." It is a salutary exaggeration.

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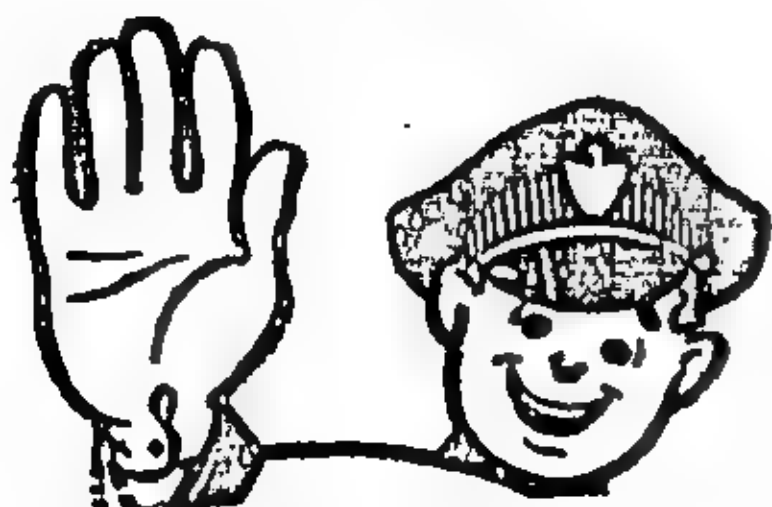
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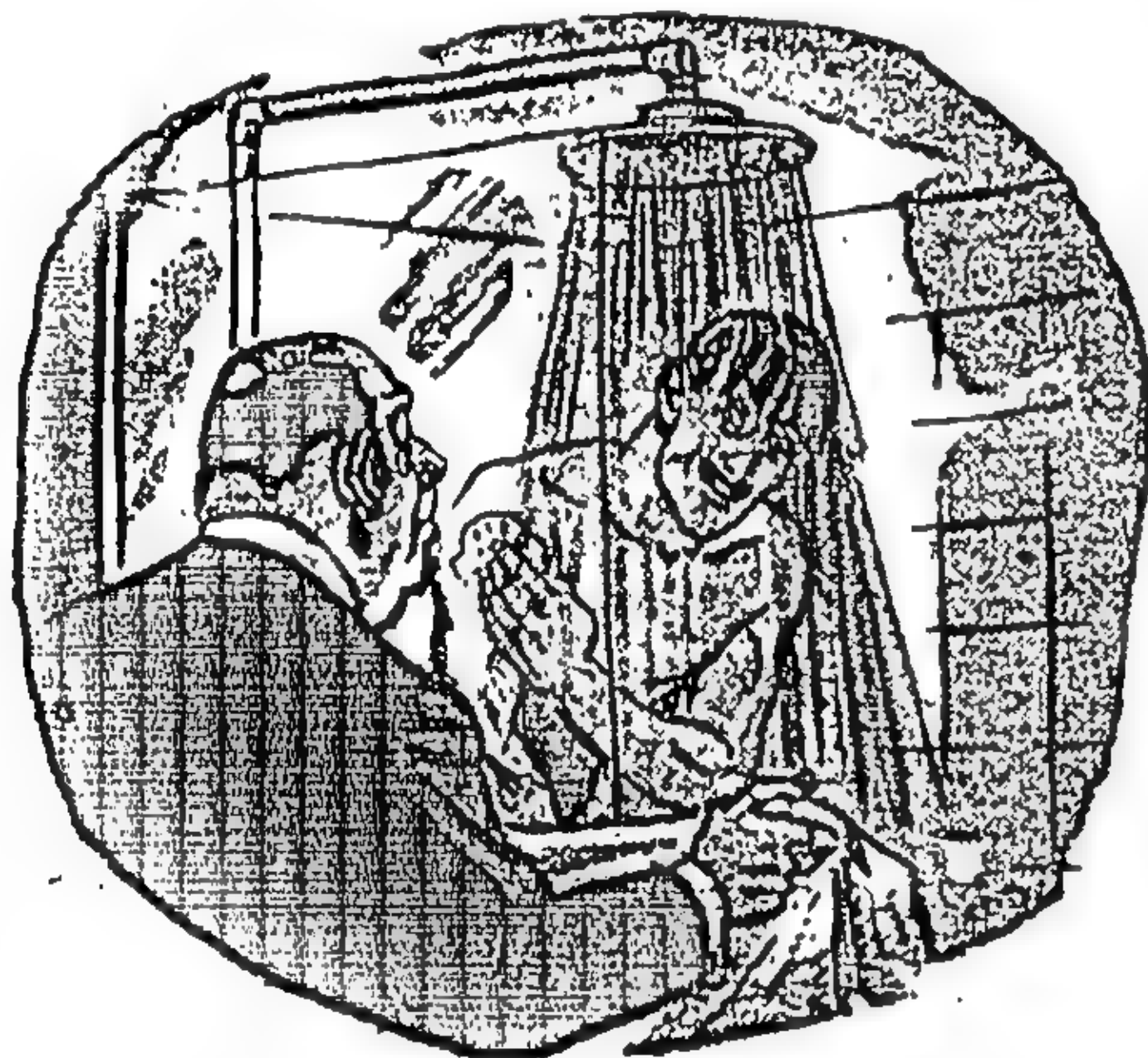
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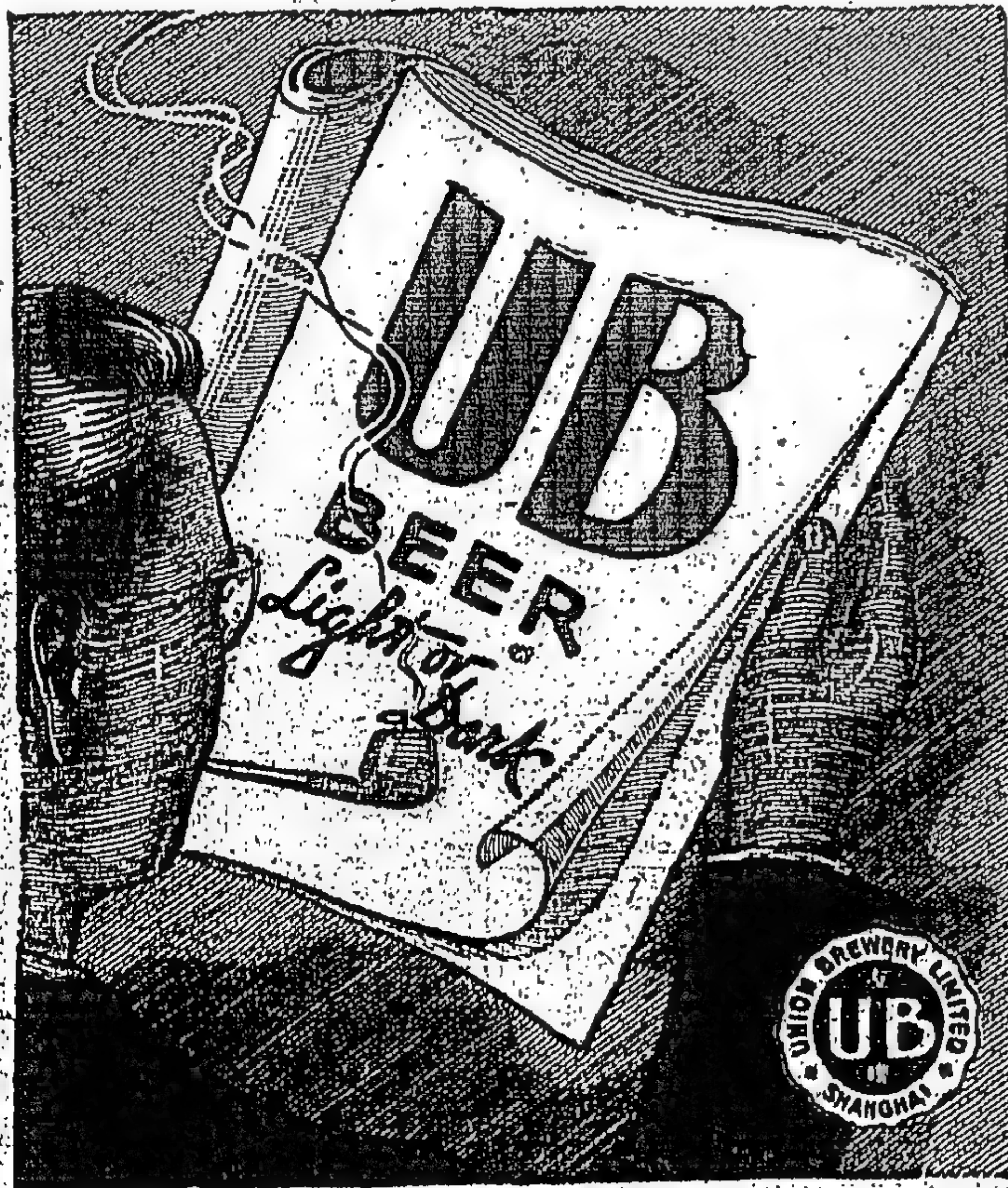
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of defiance and attack that is
traditional in the birthplace of
that great Englishman.

Plymouth is not very large, the
population at most is a little over
two hundred thousand, including
Devonport. The only industry is
the Docks and otherwise it is a
wide clean residential place.

Down in the town there were
twenty-five ancient churches in-
cluding the famous fourteenth
century Church of St. Andrews
where Katharine of Aragon re-
turned thanks for a safe return
from Spain and where Sir Francis
Drake was welcomed back from
Nombre de Dios.

Five Times In One Week

At the edge of the sea is the
Great Plateau called the Hoe
where stood the statue of Drake
and below, still untouched, the
Tablet commemorating the de-
parture of the Pilgrim Fathers
from England to the New World
in 1620.

You can imagine what hap-
pened to these monuments of
Plymouth's greatness when two
hundred Nazi bombers each
carrying a thousand pounds of
explosives flew over the city
and rained down their death
and destruction. This hap-
pened not once but five times in
a week.

After the first raid the town
was set on fire, but the flames
were got under control by the
firemen piping water from the
reservoir constructed in the six-
teenth century by Drake.

An Inferno

The next night the raiders
came back and again the night
following that pouring down
thousands of incendiary bombs
which made an inferno of the
town. Twenty three of the old
churches were in ruins, hospitals
were burned. St. Andrews with
its memories of the part was a
smoking shell. Everywhere were
the killed the dying and the
wounded.

But the citizens of Plymouth
were not daunted by this ter-
rible experience. Their weapons
were the intangible weapons of
courage, strength and ingenuity,
and with weapons they started
to fight back.

The first problem was food and
the Mayor of Plymouth, Lord As-
tor, commandeered schools and
public halls; any buildings in fact
large enough that had escaped
destruction, as feeding centres.
Thirty centres were immediately
established and the emergency
rations that every town has avail-
able safely hidden away, were
brought in. These consist of milk,
corned beef and tongue soup, and
other tinned goods of various
sorts. Cooks volunteered and
everyone had enough to eat.

Soon afterwards came from
London some of the mobile can-
teens that Americans have so
generously sent in large quan-
ties to England, also steam ranges
and stoves which were set up at
different places outside the town.
The Minister of Food, Lord Wool-
ton, rushed supplies to Plymouth
and soon there were enough regu-
lar supplies to make emergency
rationing unnecessary. Food was
cooked at these points outside the
town, put into containers, able
keep it hot for two hours, and
rushed to various centres where it
was needed. Anyone who could
pay gave eightpence, or a little
over two dollars Mex. for a meal
of which a typical example would
be vegetable soup, beef stew, rice
pudding, bread and tea or coffee.

During the time that these
emergency arrangements were
being organised Plymouth was
still being "blitzed." Three more

nights they came, but the work
went on and the organisation
was perfected.

Lady Astor took on the job of
evacuating the children and find-
ing them homes. She telephoned
to literally hundreds of people,
found the homes and delivered
the children safe and sound.

The Best Tonic

For the rest of the inhabitants
there was no question of evacua-
tion, but all big buildings which
were not in use as hospitals or
feeding centres were made into
rest centres which are open all
night. Anyone whose houses was
hit or who was at all shaken in a
raid could go into one of these
shelters where there would be a
lot of other people to mix with
and talk to, the best tonic for up-
set nerves in the experience of
the people of Plymouth.

Getting together, giving each
other courage and showing their
defiance of anything the
enemy could do to them, was
the way the people of Ply-
mouth met the blitzkrieg.
One night Lord Astor got a
Military Band to play on the Hoe
and everyone came up to listen
and to dance.

Magnificent Challenge

There was a group of Welshmen
there and Astor got them to sing;
one of them had written a song
that afternoon and they sent their
voices over the sea in a magni-
ficent gesture of challenge to the
enemy whose worst blows had
been taken with a smile. Here is
a typical verse:—

We'll be coming back to Ply-
mouth by-and-by,
When old Adolf's in the sweet
by-and-by.

When we've made a mess of
Goering and Goebbels is in
mourning.

We'll be coming back to Ply-
mouth by-and-by.

We'll cheer our Winston Chur-
chill by-and-by, when he
makes our skies more clear
by-and-by.

We will welcome Franklin Roose-
velt and thank him for his
help to smash the blinkin'
Nazis from the sky.

Thousands danced and thou-
sands sang until it grew dark.
They knew the raiders would
come back; as indeed they did, but
neither bombs nor the fear of
bombs affected their spirits or
their determination.

"Fight On"

The skies of Britain are more
clear now. We read of one aero-
plane coming over the coast and
nights without raids; but the peo-
ple of Plymouth and other towns
in Britain have not forgotten
what happened once and what
may happen again.

Plymouth has her traditions and
she had her monuments to the
glories which made those tradi-
tions. The monuments have been
shattered, but they will be re-
paired; in the meantime they re-
member that when the roll of
Drake's Drum is heard as it was on
the first night of the "Blitz," it is
a signal to them to "fight on."

Other towns have their own
traditions; but one and all give
the message "fight on."

LIKES ARMY, IS GOING TO STAY

A 6ft. Welsh Guardsman was
among successful applicants at
Bow County Court for money held
under the Workmen's Compensa-
tion Act.

He told the Judge that since
his accident he had been called
up, and he liked Army life so
much that he had decided to re-
main after the war.

IN BED — WITH BOMB

Half-waking early in
the morning, Mr. John
Farrell, an East Coast
town detective, be-
came aware of a
pleasing feeling of
warmth in his feet.
But it soon became too
warm to be com-
fortable. Jumping out
of bed he found an
incendiary bomb burn-
ing there.

BLIND HE IS BEST WARDEN

Blind Charley Biggs, 37,
is the best A.R.P. warden
in the village of Tunley,
near Bath, because, as he
puts it, he has had
twenty-three years' ex-
perience of the black-out.

He lost his sight in an accident
at the age of 14. But he can find
his way anywhere without grop-
ing.

"We fire-watch in pairs," he
told the "Daily Mirror." "And
they like having me because I
can phone in the dark a lot
quicker than a man who can see."

"I have lived in this village
nearly all my life and I can find
my way immediately to any-
body's house."

Gave Fire Alarm

When the village institute—
where he had been playing the
drums at a dance an hour before
—caught fire Charley was roused
by his wife.

Within a few seconds he had
dashed through the street to
telephone the brigade.

"As I was running to fetch the
secretary of the institute," Charley
told the "Daily Mirror," "I pass-
ed a man who had started long
before I did. I was ten minutes
before everyone in giving the
alarm."

"HUNCH" GOT HUN

Feeling lonely after
their squadron had left
for an Atlantic patrol, a
wing commander and a
squadron-leader had a
hunch to "pop out and
join the boys."

That "hunch" saved a British
ship from attack and cost Ger-
many a Heinkel 111.

Flying an old Hudson used
chiefly for training, they saw a
large British ship twisting to avoid
attack.

Soon they spotted a Heinkel
111 manoeuvring for a run-
up to bomb.

Unseen, they came up behind
the German machine. At 150
yards the gunner pressed the but-
ton, and the enemy, with its star-
board engine on fire, crashed into
the sea.

"Seen anything?" they asked the
others of their squadron when they
got home. "Not a sausage," was
the reply.

BABY VANISHED FOR A DAY

Hilda Rooney, 3-weeks old, who
was taken from her paramulator
outside a Liverpool store one after-
noon, was found unharmed on the
doorstep of a public-house in
Whitechapel, Liverpool, after being
missing for thirty hours.

SIZE OF CONCRETE BLOCKS COMES UP AT A.R.P. ENQUIRY

MR. CHUNG YUK, manager and partner of the Sang Tai firm of contractors, was the first witness called at this morning's session of the inquiry into certain matters in connection with the Air Raid Precautions architectural department, held at the Council Chamber with Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall as chairman, assisted by Messrs. L. C. F. Bellamy and S. Hampden Ross.

Mr. Chung Yuk told the Commission that the ten partners in his firm were Chung Yuk-wa (witness himself), Ng Wong-shi, Ng Hung-nin, Ng Sik-shiu, Chan Choi-hing, Shing Fuk-ching, Luk Wing, Chung Tam, Fok Fung-chi and Cheng Wan.

Chairman: Are all these partners resident in Hong Kong? — No.

How many are away from Hong Kong? — So far as I know only three are here.

Who are they? — Chung Tam, who lives in Kowloon City, Luk Wing, accountant in the firm, and myself.

When was the company formed? — About 11 years ago.

Would it be correct to say that in 1925 they were put on what is commonly known as the "Major Works List" by P.W.D.? — Yes, but we had done, previous to that, work like road building in Shing Mun and the filter beds in Shek Lap Pul.

In 1935 you had a contract to build the servants quarters at Queen Mary Hospital valued at \$95,000? — Yes.

Stanley Contract

And the same year they also had a contract to build the Indian and Chinese quarters at Stanley Prison? — Yes, valued at \$227,500.

After that what was the next job? — The Police Station at Tsekung, valued at between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

And the next contract? — It was something to do with the playground at Queen Mary Hospital, valued at about \$2,000.

Would it be correct to say after completing the job at Stanley your firm got no more contracts from Government until you started making concrete blocks? — In the year 1940 we did some work in connection with No. 7 Police Station to the extent of something like \$20,000.

Was this before or after you had started making the concrete blocks? — Before.

Capt. Hobbs Mentioned

Well, apart from that you got no further contracts for major jobs until you started making concrete blocks? — Oh no, we put up a building in Telegraph Bay for \$19,800.

Well now, will you tell the Commission how you came to get the contract for making concrete blocks? — I sent a tender to Mr. Hobbs.

Capt. Hobbs? — Yes.

How did you know that tenders were being called? — A servant from Capt. Hobbs' office telephoned and asked me to call at the office for a tender form.

Phone Call

That was the first time you knew that the A.R.P. Department were calling for tenders for concrete blocks? — Yes.

You did not see an announcement in the Chinese papers? — I don't remember, but I think not.

Do you know why your firm came to be favoured by Capt. Hobbs' department? — We were invariably informed by them whenever any tenders were being called.

Who informed you? — Somebody from Capt. Hobbs' office phoned up while I was out. On my return one of my folks gave me the message.

Having got this message, did you go? — Oh yes.

And when you got there who did you see? — I saw Capt. Hobbs.

Did you speak in English to him? — Yes.

What did you say? — He spoke to me and said that some cement concrete blocks were to be made. I was shown a plan and some specifications.

In English? — Yes.

Size Of Blocks

Do you read English? — A little. You knew the specifications? — Yes.

What were they? — I remember it was 112 lb. cement, 2½ c.ft. sand and 5 c.ft. small stones. These were the ingredients for making the blocks.

You sent in a tender, you say? — Yes.

Was the size of the blocks mentioned? — Yes. It was 17½ x 8½ x 8½.

Was that in writing, or was that told to you verbally? — It was in writing. I have got the paper here.

Witness then produced a slip of paper which was handed up.

BABY LOCKED UP ALL DAY

Allegations that a baby girl of four was left alone in a locked flat each day for a week while the mother went to work, were made at East London Juvenile Court.

The baby, who appeared as a child being in need of care and attention, was stated to have been found in the mother's flat, screaming and clawing at the window in an effort to get out.

A medical report showed that the child had been terrified through being locked up.

The case was adjourned for fourteen days, it being stated that the mother would appear before another Court.

STOCKINGLESS GIRLS: M.P.'S PLEA

Stockingless girls have a champion in Mr. Lipson, M.P. for Cheltenham.

He is to ask the President of the Board of Trade "if, in view of the clothes rationing scheme, he will appeal to Government departments and other employers not to insist on their women employees wearing stockings when at work."

WITH HIS FLAG—TO DEATH

A Greek soldier guarding the Acropolis was ordered to take down the Greek flag and replace it with the Swastika when the Nazis entered Athens.

No sooner had he taken down his flag he furled it round his body and, before the eyes of the Germans, hurled himself to death from a parapet, says the Greek Press Bureau.

"FRAUD TO FLY FOR US"

Arrested after a flight to Bremen, Robert Coryat, 38, was refused bail at Bow Street when committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court for falsely representing himself as a British subject when applying for a commission in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve.

It was stated that Coryat's correct name was Harold Isaac Corlat. His father was French and his mother English. He had lived with his father in Morocco.

When his mother died an aunt brought him to England when he was 4.

Chief Inspector Edward Greeno said Coryat had been on operational flights over Germany and France.

Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., for the defence, said Coryat pleaded guilty to the offence subject to circumstances of strong mitigation.

Applying for bail, Mr. Roberts said that at its worst the offence was merely that of obtaining by false pretences the right to fight for this country.

Wing-Commander John Alexander Powell, R.A.F., said that Coryat's character for efficiency had been exemplary.

SHE WAS IN FOUR WARS

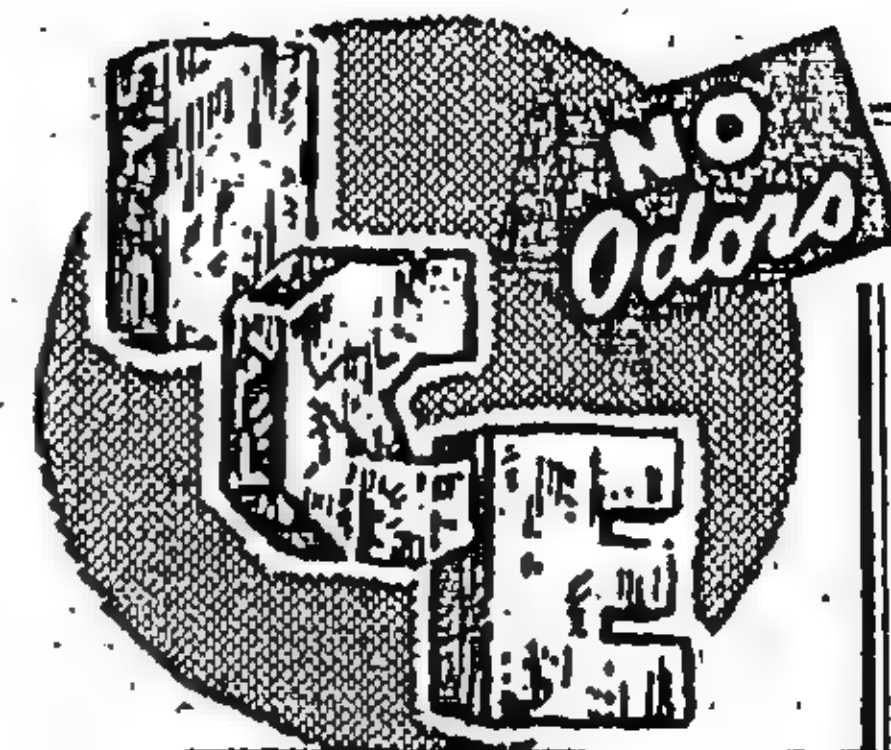
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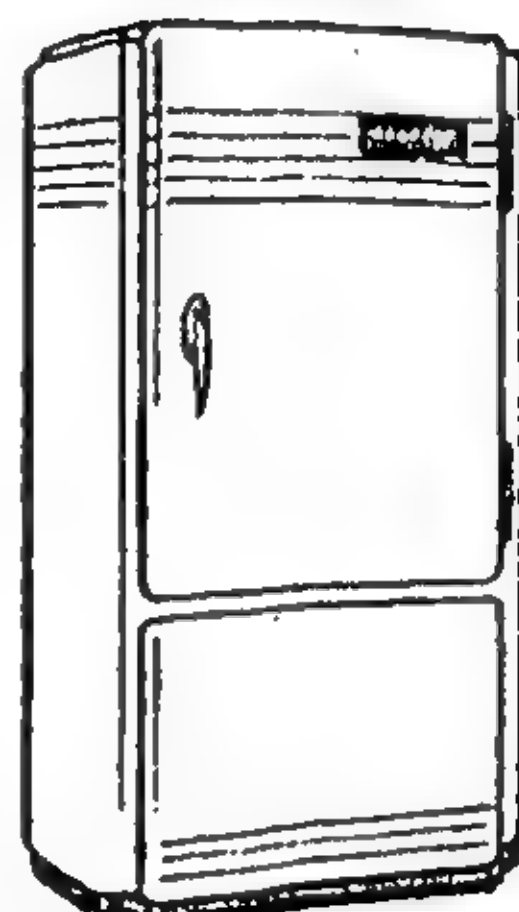
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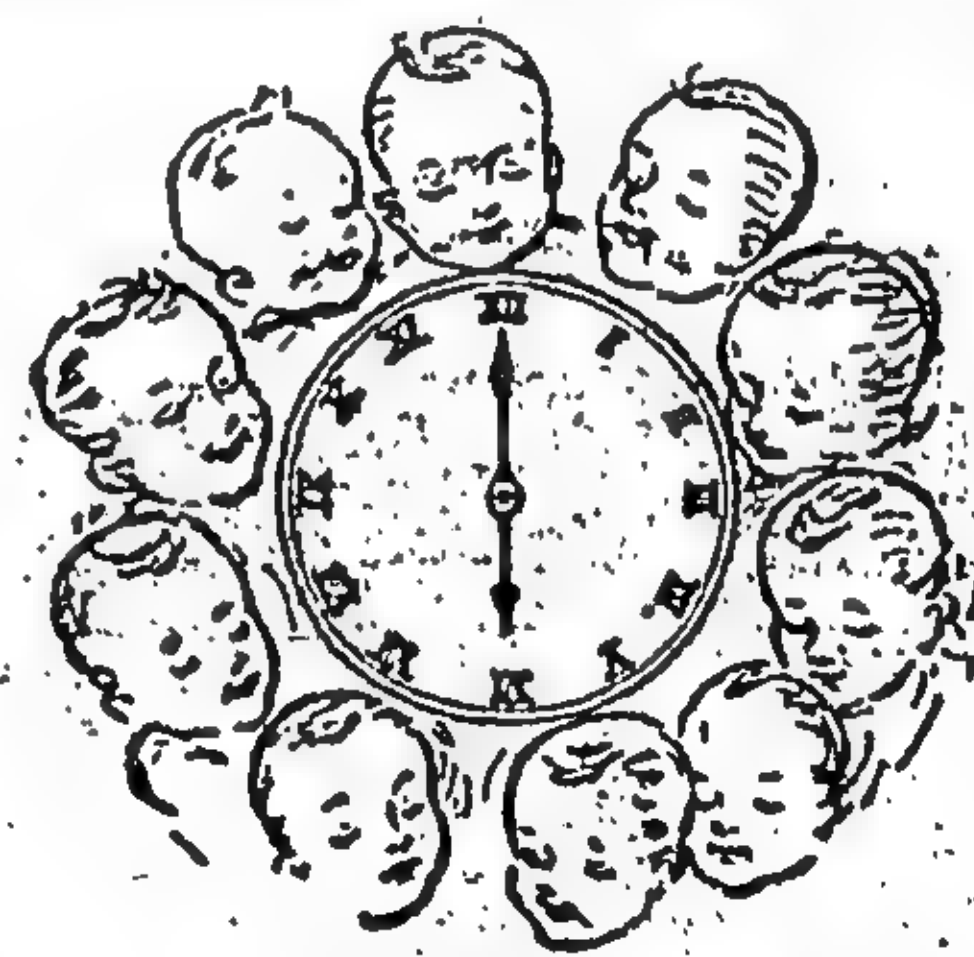
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BRIDGE SWINDLES

—NO. 55

By The Four Aces

In to-day's highly instructive,
as well as amusing, hand, South
had a choice between guessing for
himself and making his opponents
do the guessing. Since he was
an expert he realised that he
would be better off to let the
enemy do the guessing.

South, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 7 4 3
♥ Q 3
♦ A Q J 6 2
♣ 9 8 6

WEST

♠ A Q

♥ 6 5 2

♦ K 9 7 4

♣ Q 10 6 2

EAST

♠ 10 9 8 5 2

♥ J 10

♦ 10 8 5 3

♣ K 4

SOUTH

♠ K J 6

♥ A K 9 8 7 4

♦ —

♣ A J 7 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led a trump, and South
considered his problems. One way
to make the contract would be
to discard a spade on the Ace
of Diamond lead a spade from
dummy and guess whether to play
3-3 split in clubs. If the loss
could be held to one spade and
the King or Jack, and play for a
two clubs, the contract would be
made.The trouble with that line of
play was that South had to guess
the right spade play—and perhaps
no guess could help him (as was
the case). Furthermore, he was
dependent on 3-3 club break to
lose only two club tricks (unless
he managed to drop an honour on
the club Ace.) The chance was
all too flimsy, so South chose to
try a swindle.He won the first trick with the
Queen of hearts and returned a
low heart from the dummy—thus
leaving the dummy without any
way of getting back to the dia-
mond Ace! South then ran four
more trumps, and West was a very
unhappy bridge player. He didn't
dream that South had exited from
dummy without a diamond in his
hand, so he had to hold all his
diamonds; his spades were also
too valuable to discard, so he had
to part with two low clubs.Thereupon South banged down
the Ace and another club, setting
the rest of his suit. East had to
return a spade, and West had to
give South the tenth trick by
means of a diamond lead.Saturday you were Merwin
Maier's partner and, with both
sides vulnerable, you held:

♠	♥	♦	♣
K 9 7	3	A J 10 4	Q 6 5 3 2

Jacoby	You	Schenker	Maier
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. You have told
your story and should not con-
tinue with spades partly because
you can't be sure you can make
five spades and partly because
your partner may have a very
fine penalty double of five hearts.
You cannot quite double your-
self but should leave the decision
to your partner.Score 100% for pass, 60% for
double, 20% for five spades.

Question No. 815

To-day you hold the same hand,
and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	You	Schenker	Maier
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)(Released by The Bell Syndi-
cate, Inc.)BARE LEG BAN
MADE HER QUITAN EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Surrey girl has
started a new war job — all because of a pair of
stockings.Joan McKay, canteen helper in a war factory,
turned up for work one morning wearing no stock-
ings.The supervisor complained
about it and reported Joan to Miss
E. M. Holland, the manageress.Miss Holland took a serious
view of Joan's "crime," and in-
sisted that she went home for
her stockings or stayed away
from work.In vain Joan pleaded that
she had already worn out two
pairs that week; that she had
used up all her coupons, and
could not afford any more. But
the manageress was adamant.
So Joan went home.The following day she returned
to work still without stockings.
She asked Miss Holland by whose
ruling she was "ordered to wear
them." Miss Holland replied: "It
is my ruling, and you are to wear
stockings."

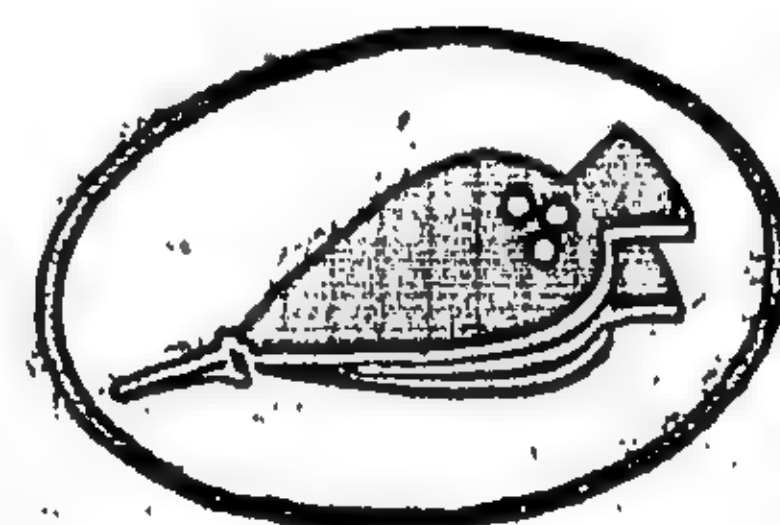
So Joan found a new job.

She told the "Daily Mirror":
"My new boss doesn't seem to
mind whether we wear stockings
or not. I'd say he was a sensible
man."The managing director of her
old place said, "I am astonished
to hear of such stupidity.""No one in the factory has
authority to ban a girl from
working on such grounds."INVESTITURE IN
WAR FACTORYMatthew Bradley, a
machine-setter in a big
armament works, was
called from his work to be
decorated by the King
with the medal of the
Order of the British Em-
pire. His workmates, who
paused to watch the brief
"investiture," heard him
say to the King:"I want to say 'Thank you' for
the honour on behalf of all the
skilled workers, here, your
Majesty. It is their honour just
as much as mine, and I am de-
lighted to receive it as their re-
presentative."Bradley is the local convener of
the Amalgamated Engineering
Union, and was awarded the medal
in the birthday honours as a mark
of appreciation of the increased
production in the factory.This incident was one of many
demonstrations of the loyalty of
war workers which impressed the
King and Queen during the second
day of their tour of shipyards and
armament works on Tyneside and
in Durham.

"The Good Cause"

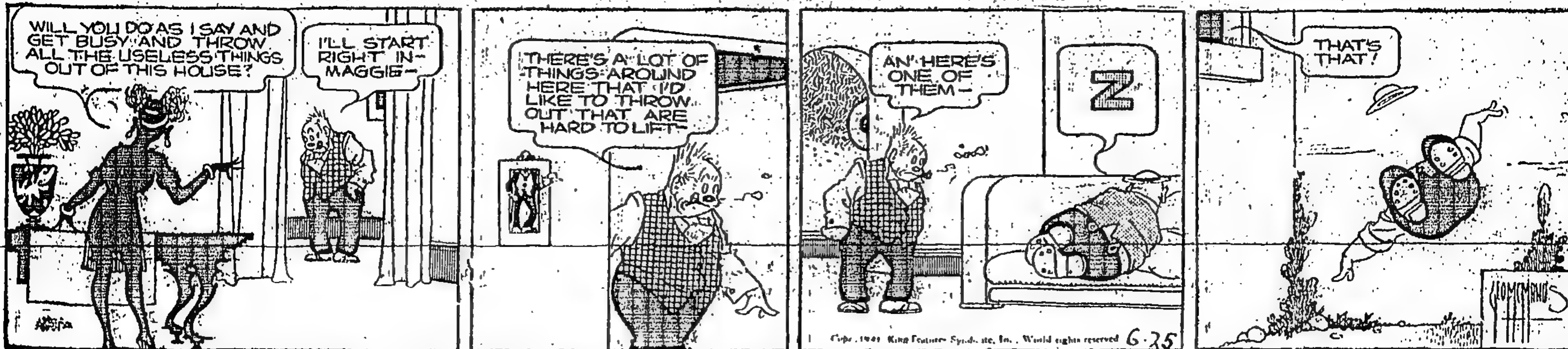
At one shipyard the Queen was
surrounded by cheering workmen.
When she asked if they were all
very busy, Frank McGlynn, a
blacksmith, replied, "Yes, we are
doing our bit in the good cause."Another group of shipwrights
held up a blackboard on which
was chalked:"We will whack them, nothing
surer, Fatty Goering and his
Fuehrer."At the end of the day's tour,
which lasted more than seven
hours, the King told directors of
one big shipyard that he and the
Queen had been greatly impressed
by the number of ships being
turned out in the yards.BLAME
LAG IN
WAR WORKEngineer Leader's
ChargesMr. Jack Tanner, Pre-
sident of the Amalgama-
ted Engineering Union, at
the Llandudno conference
reverted to his charges
that the lag in war pro-
duction was due to man-
agerial inefficiency and
lack of initiative.A questionnaire sent out to
their members engaged on aircraft
production revealed, he said, a de-
finite shortage of work in a small
number of firms. In three there
was a temporary shortage, and in
only a few was no shortage of
work reported.The reasons given were short-
age of materials, tools and mach-
ines, delays due to changed de-
signs, absence of planning and
preparation, management lacking
in initiative, and men waiting for
authority to proceed on certain
work.

Asked For Facts

He had received a letter from
the clerk of the supply sub-com-
mittee which dealt with national
expenditure, asking him to fur-
nish information of the places
where the war efforts was being
hindered and where efficiency
was diminished and the cost of
production increased as the re-
sult of mismanagement.He proposed to furnish to this
subcommittee all the informa-
tion he could, and he would be
glad of the assistance of the
delegates so that he could supply
chapter and verse.The conference carried by 29 to
21 a resolution from the Glasgow
branches drawing attention to the
tasks that were being allocated to
Labour Ministers in the Govern-
ment, chiefly the Ministers of Lab-
our and Home Security, and de-
claring that the policy being car-
ried out was that of big business,
which had nothing in common
with the interests of the working
people.The resolution also called on
the National Council of Labour to
go to the people with a pro-
gramme which included deep
bomb-proof shelters, friendship
with Russia, a people's Govern-
ment and a people's peace that
would get rid of the cause of
war.FELLOWSHIP
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Grace Is Charm's Counterpart

Charm and grace go hand in hand. In almost every instance a woman of outstanding charm has grace of movement, poise and alluring posture. So the girl or woman who is seeking that subtle beauty asset called "charm," must learn how to walk gracefully, develop a serenity which is called poise, and learn the art of appropriate and pretty gestures.

Dancing is one of the best ways of acquiring grace of movement. It trains the body to move rhythmically — free of self-consciousness. Relaxation helps greatly too. No woman can hope to be alluring if her muscles are taut and if she sits and walks and speaks with tension. One's mind must be relaxed as well as one's body so she who learns to relax at will has taken a just step toward being charming.

The woman who is seeking charm should be conscious also of her posture, but she must never strike deliberate poses. If she learns to stand and sit and walk in good posture, habit will soon carry her gracefully through all situations.

Hand gestures are used in conversation only when needed, and they must flow with the same grace which dancing teaches. The woman who talks with her hands, instead of with her tongue and eyes, is a bore. Other people get awfully tired of watching her hands fly about and listening to her bracelets jingle. The layman may learn to use gestures becomingly by watching a most accomplished actress — one who makes every gesture count and no waste effort is displayed to the audience.

Good Health Key To All

And now a word about the basic foundation of charm, which is good health. A clear voice, attractive skin and hair and easy movement are not possible to possess if one's vitality is impaired by malnutrition, worry or other illness. I cannot stress this too strongly, for I urge all women to keep healthy. I am convinced health is the only road to happiness and success in life. Of course, when an incurable illness strikes we must bear it as bravely as possible, but even then we should strive to conquer it.



Fragrant colognes and sachets play an important role in a charming woman's life. Both should suit one's personality.

Women who write me they are nervous, timid, morose, jealous, terribly tired or horribly self-conscious, are not healthy women. Something is dragging them down, and before any beauty is possible those women must again attain good health. No cosmetic can supplement what poor health destroys. Cosmetics do enhance one's beauty, and they are a blessing during a convalescent period, but they cannot substitute for good health.

I once asked the most charming woman I have ever met this question: "How can you do so much so graciously?" She smiled her thanks for the compliment and said: "I was blessed with good health and because I consider it a blessing direct from heaven I have cherished it and nursed it. It has helped me through every trying situation in life and has given me great vitality."

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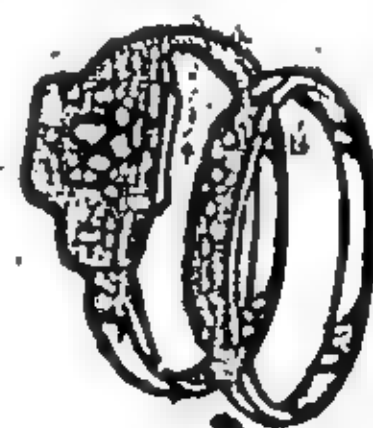
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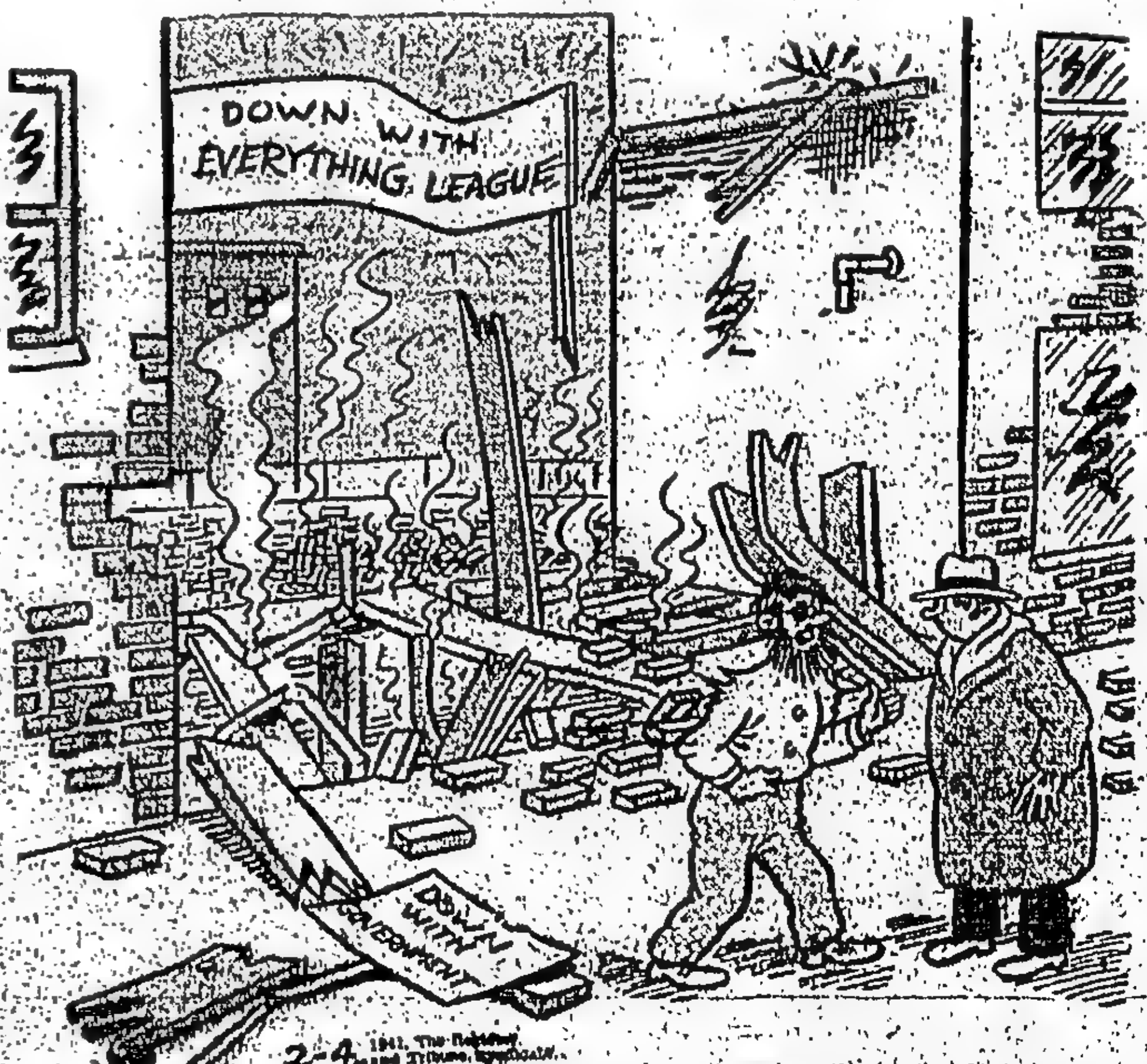
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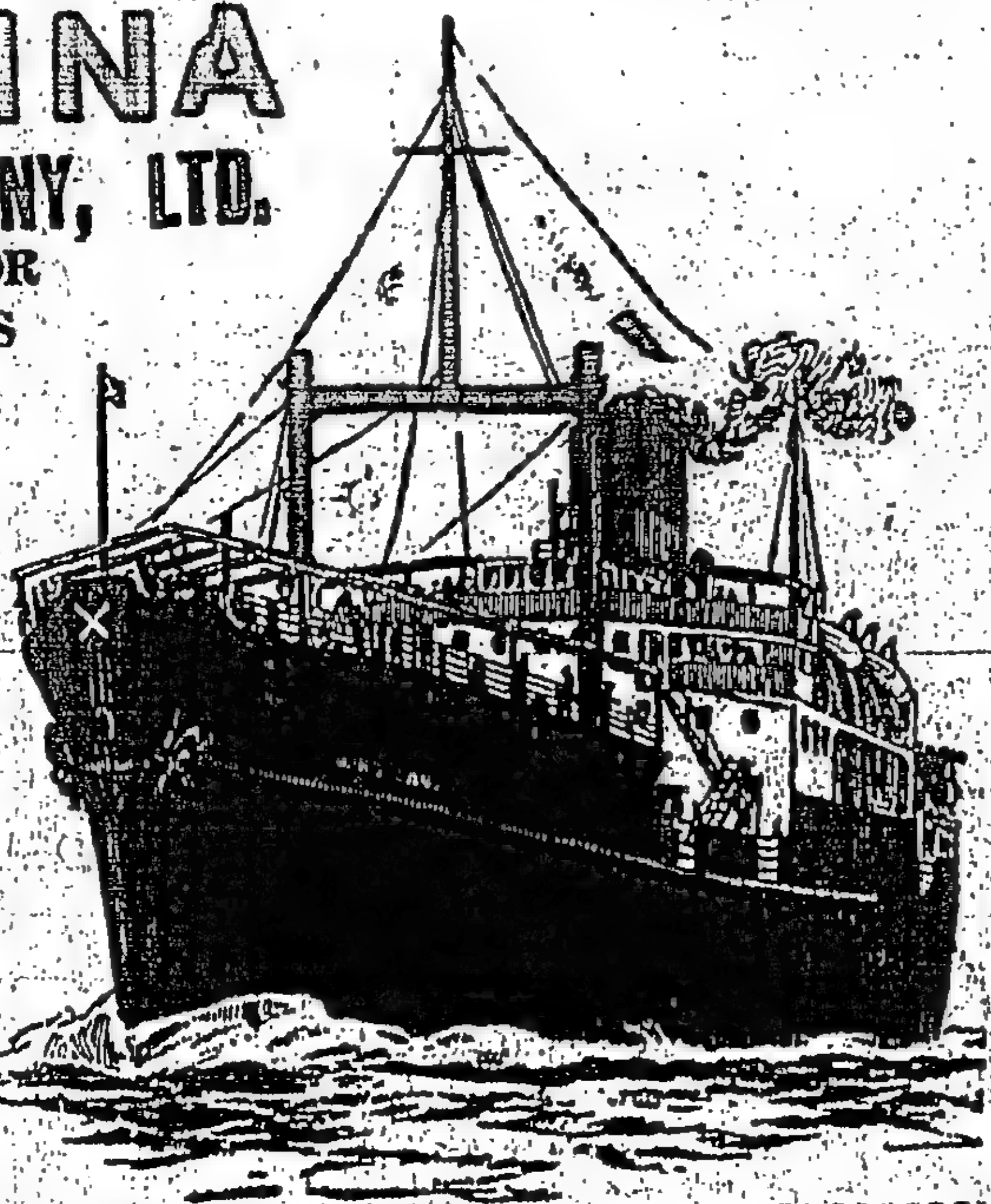
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Fox-Trots—Desert Song (White).
Plain Jane (Phillips).
Quick-Step—The Blackbird Hop (North-Burnaby).
The Palais Stroll (Black-Remy).
Fox-Trots—Cry, Baby, Cry (Eaton & Shand).
In Santa Margherita (Morrow-Scher).
Fox-Trot—Glamour Girl (Strauss-Dale).One-Step—Amazon Goes A-Woong (Phillips).
Waltz—The Girl in The Alice Blue Gown (Parker).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Frances Langford and Tony Martin in Variety.

Vocal—Long Ago and Far Away (From film "Three Cheers For Love").

It's Like Reaching For The Moon (Lewis-Sherman).

Frances Langford with Orch.

Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 8.10.

Intro: I'm In The Mood For Love: Everything's Been Done Before: Dancing Time: In The Middle Of A Kiss: Check To Check: My Blue Heaven.

Charlie Kunz.

Vocal—Fools Rush In (Bloom-Mercer).

The Creaking Old Mill On The Creek (Lewis, Stock).

Tony Martin with Orchestra.

Organ—Dixon Request Medley—Intro: I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside: Blaze Away: Who Were You With Last Night: If You Were The Only Girl In The World: Teddy Bears Picnic: Down At The Old Bull and Bush: Just A Fee Deoch and Doris: She's A Lassie From Lan-Cashire: I Do Like To Be Beside The Sea-Side.

Reginald Dixon.

Vocal—There's A Lull In My Life (From film "Wake Up and Live"—Gordon).

Ruth Etting with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Moskowski Programme.

Guitarre.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano.

From Foreign Lands.

State Opera Orchestra.

Caprice Espagnol.

Eileen Joyce (Piano solo).

Serenata, Op. 15 No. 1.

Richard Tauber (Tenor) w. Orch.

Moskowski Dances, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5.

The Blue Hungarian Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Half An Hour Of Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—My Sister And I.

Do You Believe In Fairy Tales (From film "Pot O' Gold").

Leo Reisman and His Orch.

Fox-Trot—I Cover The Waterfront.

Rumba—Marinela.

Artie Shaw and His Orch.

Fox-Trots—Symphonic.

Amarillo (Boh from film "They Met In Argentina").

Leo Reisman and His Orch.

Waltz—Purple Hills Of Hawaii.

Harry Owens and His Royal Hawaiians.

Fox-Trots—Sissy.

Pop Cori Man.

Milt Herth Trio.

7.17 p.m.—Variety Programme.

Orchestral—Drury Lane Fantomime Memories—Intro: Ask A Policeman—1899: Git Yer Air Cut—1891: What Is The Use Of Loving A Girl—1903: Oh, The Business—1903: Hitchy Koo—1912: Who Were You With Last Night—1912: Mysterious Rag—1912: Oh, You Beautiful Doll—1912: My Boy—1913: My Southern Maid—1913: Columbia Light Opera Company w. Orch.

Humorous—Tennis.

WODEHOUSE ON WARNED GERMAN RADIO AGAINST GIRL, 16

MR. P. G. WODEHOUSE, ENGLISH AUTHOR FREED BY THE GERMANS FROM A CIVILIAN INTERNMENT CAMP AND NOW LIVING IN A BERLIN HOTEL, IS TO BROADCAST HIS EXPERIENCES TO THE UNITED STATES ONCE A WEEK.

"General chat, entirely non-political," he explained in an interview.

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Clapham and Dwyer.

Vocal and Banjo—Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! What A Silly Place To Kiss A Girl.

Tessie O'Shea with Orchestra.

Comedian—Knitting (Taylor).

Arthur Askey with Piano.

Orchestral—Accordeon-Nights—Medley.

Gerald and His Accordeon Band.

Comedians—Blacking Out The Flat.

Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch.

Vocal—Everyone Must Have A Sweetheart (Noel, Hart).

Proud Of You (David).

Elsie Carlisle with Orch.

Piano—Marta Egnerth Film Melodies—Selection.

Fred Stein.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post."

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Dvorak Centenary Programme.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

9.05 p.m.—Puccini's "La Tosca" Act 2. Singers in order of appearance:

Apollo Granforte (Baritone), Giovanni Azzimondi (Bass), Nelo Paila (Tenor), Carmen Mellis (Soprano), Piero Paila (Tenor), with Orchestra of La Scala, Milan.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.

I'm Going To Tell God All O' My Troubles (arr. Brown).

Deep River (Burleigh).

Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.

Were You Dere? (arr. Edna Thomas).

Little Wheel A-Turning In My Heart; Keep A-Inchin' Along.

Edna Thomas (Soprano) with Piano.

I Stood On De Ribber: Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells (Burleigh).

Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Chopin Sonata in B Flat Minor, Op. 35.

1st Mov.: Grave—Doppio movimento.

2nd Mov.: Scherzo—March Funebre (Lento).

3rd Mov.: Marche funebre (Lento)—Conclusion—Finale.

Percy Grainger (Piano solo).

10.35 p.m.—The Light Symphony Orchestra and Nancy Evans (Soprano).

May Day Overture (Haydn Wood).

Light Symphony Orch.

Mountain Lovers (Weatherley-Squire).

Nancy Evans with Orchestra.

Dear Isle Of Man (Haydn Wood).

Light Symphony Orchestra.

Land Of Hope And Glory (Arthur Benson—Edward Elgar).

Nancy Evans (Soprano) and Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

11.00 p.m.—London—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

11.15 p.m.—Close Down.

Warning not to persist in his offer to marry a girl in the dock, was given to a young N.C.O. by the Recorder at Poole Quarter Sessions.

Addressing Dorothy Edith Stevens, 16, of Parkstone, a good-looking, smartly-dressed girl stated to be engaged to a Royal Artillery sergeant, the Recorder said:

"I have received a letter from a man who wishes marry you and accept responsibility for your future behaviour."

"In my opinion it would be quite a lamentable thing."

N.C.O. Quits Court

"It seems that you show little disposition or character fitting you for marriage with any man, however, deserving or gallant the man might be, and I advise him to put these ideas out of his mind."

Stevens was charged with another girl, Patience Turner, 17, of Rosemary Road, Newtown, Poole, with breach of recognisances.

Both girls were sentenced to three years' Borstal detention.

Stevens had to be forcibly removed from the dock.

A young Army sergeant immediately left the court.

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ASKED HIM, WAVE TO PRINCESS

The Mayor of Warwick, chief citizen of one of England's most ancient boroughs, was asked to wave to the Princess Royal instead of officially receiving her.

He was to stand on the steps of the Court House as the Princess drove past on her way to the local Red Cross headquarters.

Alderman A. Tandy said at a meeting of Warwick Town Council:

"If this is true, and I believe it is, I say deliberately that the very idea is disgusting."

"An Insult"

The Mayor, Councillor G. M. Nelson, said: "I was told I could be there, but I should not be presented to the Princess. That was all. My feeling was that it was not right, so I did not attend."

Alderman Tandy added that whoever was responsible—it might be some regional officer or other official—should be pulled up. Such an omission was an insult to the Mayor.

Alderman H. N. Forbes, county honorary secretary of the Red Cross and St. John Association, said: "Nobody regrets it more than I, but we were working to official instructions."

Alderman Tandy: That's the trouble—some official outside Warwick.

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MACAO LOSE AT WATER-POLO

Two water-polo matches between teams representing Union and Macao were played at Lai-chi-kok yesterday when Hong Kong and Kowloon Resident Union held their sixth swimming gala of the season.

In the First Division game the home team won by 4-1, after leading 1-0 at the interval, while the second game ended in a win for Macao by 3-1, score in the first-half being 1-0.

Results were as follows:
Men's 50 Metres Free-Style (for non-prize, winners):—1. Tang Cheuk-wah; 2. Ng Shing; 3. Chu Yiu-fai.

Men's 400 Metres Free-Style:—Tai Yuk-hong; 2. Mak Chun-nam; 3. Chan Chiu-cheung. Time: 6 mins. 58 secs.

Men's 50 Metres Free-Style (Middle Class):—1. Tin Yung-fat; 2. Chan Tak-fu; 3. Ho Po-pui. Time: 53 secs.

Men's 50 Metres (use of hands prohibited):—1. Tai Yuk-mong; 2. Mak Kwok-hing; 3. Chan Chiu-cheung.

Boys' 100 Metres Handicap:—1. Shum Ho; 2. Tse Kai-chi; 3. Tse Kai-chow.

Mixed 200 Metres Relay:—1. Miss Ng Po-hing, Mak Kwok-hing, Tong Chung-ming and Tsui Hang; 2. Miss Shum Put, Lo Wing-tim, Tai Yuk-mong and Chu Chuk-yau; 3. Miss Shum Wai-yung, Chan Chiu-cheung, Yeung Kai-cheung and Mak Chun-nam. Time: 2 mins. 10 secs.

Residents' Union Water-Polo Team "A":—Wong Cheung, Yeung Kai-wah, Wong Au-shan, Chu Chuk-yau, Tsui Hang and Yeung Man-kit.

Macao "A":—Pan Wah-fun, Ng Kai-hung, Leung Wing-kwan, Lai Yin-chun, Choi Char-lau and Chan Kung-ping.

U.S. NAVY WIN FIVE GAME SERIES

United States Navy won the five-game charity baseball series yesterday when they beat Hong Kong by 5 runs to 4 to win by the odd game in five.

The game was marred by an accident to MacKenzie, first baseman of U.S. Navy, who injured his ankle badly.

Following were the results of the series:
Hong Kong 5 U.S. Navy 1
Hong Kong 18 U.S. Navy 16
Hong Kong 3 U.S. Navy 7
Hong Kong 8 U.S. Navy 9
Hong Kong 4 U.S. Navy 5

BRITISH WOMAN IN GESTAPO PRISON

Miss May James, former head of the Y.W.C.A. in Paris, who was detained by the Germans last year on a charge of espionage, is still in the Cherche Midi prison, Paris.

A friend who visited her recently came away full of admiration for her spirit and courage.

"After months in a tiny cell, furnished only with bed, table and stool, Miss James is still calm and smiling," he said. "She never utters a word of complaint."

BOTTLES FLY AT SUN CASTLE WINS

The rebel London Football clubs and their affiliated nearby neighbours, who are fighting for recognition following their expulsion from the Football League, had the better of exchanges in Saturday's programme, their six matches aggregating an attendance of 47,000, whereas the attendance at the 19 Northern matches organised by the League totalled 72,000, of which 20,000 were present at one match — between Blackpool and Preston.

Outstanding feature of the whole programme, however, was the crowd for the Derby Match between Glasgow Rangers and Glasgow Celtic at Ibrox Park, where a mixture of 40,000 Protestants and Catholics produced the usual partisan incidents. A penalty kick awarded to Celtic caused an uproar: bottles were thrown on the field. The Police drew batons and removed several spectators. One soldier was carried away on a stretcher.

The game developed on keen lines and two Celtic players were injured and carried off on stretchers. Rangers won by three goals to nil, and this keeps them at the top of the League, being the only Scottish team with maximum points.

Of the English matches, the outstanding feature was the five goals scored by R. E. Lewis, a comparatively unknown Arsenal forward, against Crystal Palace. Lewis was "spotted" with a London school side, developed and signed on as a professional at 17. He scored two goals in the first four minutes.

Four clubs share the leadership of the London League, Portsmouth being one of them.

Preston, Football League and War Cup holders, failed to hold the strong Blackpool team but had the consolation of sharing the biggest gate.

There were some remarkable reversals of form in the Northern League matches. Manchester United being held to a draw by New Brighton after winning 12-1 last week, while Stoke lost after trouncing Everton last week.

Results of the matches played were:

London League:—Aldershot 3, Tottenham 2; Arsenal 7, Crystal Palace 2; Charlton 4, Clapton Orient 0; Chelsea 4, West Ham 8; Millwall 2, Fulham 4; Queen's Park Rangers 3, Brentford 4; Reading 4, Brighton 3; Watford 1, Portsmouth 5.

Football League, South:—Cardiff 1, West Bromwich 1, Norwich 0, Leicester 0; Notts Forest 4, Luton 1, Walsall 2; Northampton 2, Wolves 1, Bristol City 2.

Football League, North:—Blackburn 2, Southport 0, Blackpool 2, Preston 0; Bolton 2, Burn 1; Bradford City 1, Newcastle 1, Burnley 0, Halifax 1; Doncaster 4, Mansfield 1, Everton 3; Stoke 1, Gateshead 2, Bradford 2; Grimsby 1, Barnsley 1, Huddersfield 2; Middlesbrough 4, Lincoln 5, Chesterfield 1; Manchester City 1, Tranmere 1; New Brighton 3, Manchester United 3; Oldham 3, Rochdale 0, Rotherham 4; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Sheffield United 0; Sunderland 1, Stockport 2; Chester 4; Wrexham 5, Liverpool 3; York 1, Leeds 0.

Scottish Southern League:—Aberdeen 2, Clyde 3; Celtic 4, Partick 2; Dunfermline 0, Falkirk 1; Hamilton 4, Motherwell 2; Hearts 2, Hibernian 4; Morton

5, St. Mirren 0; Rangers 3, Celtic 0; Third Lanark 4, Queen's Park 1. Scottish North-eastern:—Aberdeen 1, Rangers 1; Dundee United 1, Leith 4; Dunfermline 4, Raith 4; East Fife 4, St. Bernard's 2. Friendly Matches:—Birmingham 3, Czechoslovak Army 2; Bourne-mouth 2, Army 3.—Reuter.

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SLACKNESS AS TROOPS DIE

CAPT. HENDERSON STEWART, M.P., ALLEGED AT CUPAR, FIFE, THAT "A LABOUR SCANDAL OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE AND HORROR" WAS BEING ENACTED, WHICH MIGHT HAVE THE GRAVEST RESULTS ON THE NATION'S STRUGGLE.

"The flower of our land has been mown down at 2s. a day in Greece, in Crete and elsewhere, through lack of arms to defend itself," he said. "Factories at home which could make those arms, are frequently scenes of deliberate slacking, deliberate idleness, and shameless agitation for higher wages."

Conscientious workmen, Capt. Stewart said, were ashamed of what they saw around them, and revolted by the play-acting of the authorities. Not until the body of labour and the system of production were organised could they approach the output needed to win the war.

WINS APPEAL AGAINST GAOL

Wynne Marriette Stuart Campbell, who said she was the wife of Sir John Campbell, successfully appealed at London Sessions against sentence of three months' imprisonment passed on her for doing an act calculated falsely to suggest that she was in the service of the King.

The sentence was quashed and the woman, who was referred to throughout the proceedings as Lady Campbell, was bound over for two years. It was said she had described herself as a "surgeon commander of the Royal Navy."

A record crowd, including hundreds of Lancashire war workers snatching a brief respite from their labours, saw Sun Castle, owned by Lord Portal, who has an important job at the Ministry of Supply, win the St. Leger, last Turf classic of the season, beating Chateau la Rose, owned by Mr. Harry Morris, Shanghai business man, by a head in a thrilling finish.

Lord Glanely's Dancing Time was third, one length behind. It was, incidentally, the only filly in the race.

Sun Castle started at 10 to 1, and thus confirmed its recent return to best form when it won the St. Simon Stakes at Newbury last week.

Chateau la Rose started a last-minute favourite at 11 to 2, with Dancing Time at 25 to 1. There were 16 starters, and the French jockey, Bridgland, who is now in the Royal Air Force, rode Sun Castle. Robert Jones rode Chateau la Rose, and Michael Beary was on Dancing Time.

Sun Castle, one time favourite for the Derby, is by the Derby winner Hyperion out of Castle Gay.

Mazarin Takes Lead

Devonian was clear of the field at the half-mile, but Mazarin took the lead on entering the straight. Mazarin still held the command two furlongs from home, but then Chateau la Rose went to the front, just below the Distance Post and was immediately challenged by Sun Castle and Dancing Time in a great finish, with Sun Castle just forging ahead.

Sun Castle was trained by Capt. Boyd-Rochfort at Newmarket and covered the mile and 6 furlongs in 3 mins. 4-2/5 secs. Mazarin was fourth, Watch Tower fifth, Orthodox sixth, and Ranger seventh.

Second Leger Win

Sun Castle was Capt. Boyd-Rochfort's third Classic success, he having previously won the St. Leger, with Boswell, in 1936.

The biggest surprise of the race was the running of Dancing Time, which raced strongly and was close-up at the finish.

Mazarin had every chance when it came into the straight with such a big lead, but it failed to stay when the pace was increased over the last furlong.

This was the first occasion on which the Classic was decided on the Lancashire course, and there were remarkable scenes in the city, long queues waiting for taxis and trams, while on the payments and roads to the Course, which itself was crammed, were people who gave up all hope of getting a conveyance.—Reuter.

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U.M. OMAR CARRIES OFF PREMIER LEAGUE SKIPS' CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 1941

As Craigengower have only two more matches to play and B. W. Bradbury is now five points behind U. M. Omar, the latter has won the First Division Skips' championship, a feat he performed in 1936 and 1937.

Following is the record of the skips in the First and Third Divisions of the League:—

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	16	16	0	0	410	235	175	0	32
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	16	13	1	2	400	276	124	0	27
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C.)	14	11	0	3	350	214	136	0	22
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	16	11	0	5	346	286	60	0	22
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	15	10	1	4	323	274	49	0	21
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	16	10	1	5	363	256	97	0	21
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	16	10	0	6	327	280	47	0	20
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	15	9	0	6	301	293	8	0	18
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	16	8	1	7	342	266	76	0	17
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	13	8	0	5	289	232	57	0	16
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	16	8	0	8	326	337	0	11	16
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B")	13	7	1	5	287	258	29	0	15
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	11	6	2	3	224	202	22	0	14
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	16	7	0	9	297	333	0	36	14
H. A. Alves (Recreio "A")	7	6	0	1	179	110	69	0	12
A. M. Calman (K.D.R.C.)	8	6	0	2	177	155	22	0	12
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	10	6	0	4	204	187	17	0	12
A. P. Guterres (Rec. "B")	11	6	0	5	210	209	1	0	12
J. F. V. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")	5	5	0	0	136	65	71	0	10
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	10	5	0	5	188	174	14	0	10
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	16	5	0	11	263	362	0	99	10
N. J. Bebbington (K.C.C.)	9	3	2	4	167	180	0	13	8
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	184	198	0	14	8
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	14	4	0	10	241	288	0	47	8
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	9	3	1	5	174	187	0	13	7
C. Roza Pereira (Recreio "A")	3	3	0	0	65	44	21	0	6
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	6	3	0	3	110	104	6	0	6
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	9	2	2	5	161	206	0	45	6
M. Ferguson (K.D.R.C.)	10	3	0	7	175	212	0	37	6
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C. "B")	10	3	0	7	168	236	0	58	6
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	12	2	1	9	200	266	0	66	5
W. Hollands (P.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	51	32	19	0	4
P. A. Peckham (K.B.G.C. "B")	4	2	0	2	67	70	0	3	4
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	73	84	0	11	4
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	7	1	2	4	109	140	0	31	4
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	2	0	7	145	209	0	64	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	92	104	0	12	3
C. A. Lopes (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	32	9	23	0	2
F. V. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")	1	1	0	0	27	12	15	0	2
F. Nolan (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	26	20	6	0	2
A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio "B")	1	1	0	0	20	19	1	0	2
J. E. Noronha (Recreio "B")	2	1	0	1	34	31	3	0	2
J. S. Landolt (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	38	42	0	4	2
W. J. Burling (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	37	45	0	8	2
L. J. Silva (Recreio "B")	2	1	0	1	21	40	0	19	2
J. W. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	40	76	0	36	2
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	1	0	3	62	92	0	30	2
H. Lockhart (K.B.G.C. "B")	5	1	0	4	84	108	0	24	2
T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	73	180	0	107	2
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	8	1	0	7	139	177	0	38	2
C. C. Pereira (Recreio "B")	1	0	0	1	14	21	0	7	0
J. C. Gili (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	14	23	0	9	0
W. McNeill (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	11	29	0	18	0
J. C. Remedios (Recreio "B")	1	0	0	1	5	41	3	36	0
C. M. Silva (Recreio "B")	2	0	0	2	35	47	0	12	0
W. R. Hillyer (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	29	42	0	13	0
A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio "B")	2	0	0	2	30	52	0	22	0
H. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	22	50	0	28	0
W. Greig (K.D.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	23	60	0	37	0
L. Sykes (K.B.G.C. "B")	4	0	0	4	66	92	0	26	0
G. S. Sherriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	4	0	0	4	64	95	0	31	0
E. W. Simmonds (C.S.C.C.)	4	0	0	4	57	111	0	64	0
E. Souza (Recreio "B")	5	0	0	5	78	117	0	39	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
J. C. Altken (P.R.C.)	13	11	1	1	329	190	139	0	23
R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	13	10	0	3	292	222	70	0	20
S. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	15	9	1	5	317	275	42	0	19
C. Wallis (K.B.G.C.)	12	9	0	3	271	187	84	0	18
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	14	9	0	5	286	248	38	0	18
H. Nish (K.B.G.C.)	15	8	1	6	318	274	44	0	17
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	13	7	1	5	261	205	56	0	15
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	11	6	1	4	217	185	32	0	13
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	10	6	0	4	253	184	69	0	12
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	13	5	0	7	232	245	0	13	12
G. S. Graver (H.K.F.C.)	13	6	1	6	261	274	0	13	11
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	8	5	0	3	189	149	20	0	10
J. Raisto (H.K.F.C.)	8	5	0	3	159	161	0	2	10
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	9	5	0	4	187	178	9	0	10
B. A. Mansell (H.K.F.C.)	13	5	0	8	245	251	0	6	10
P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	15	5	0	10	261	338	0	77	10
L. A. Jordan (K.B.G.C.)	7	4	0	3	445	435	10	0	8
M. F. Atarini (Recreio)	7	4	0	3	185	143	0	8	8
L. de Rome (H.K.E.R.C.)	8	4	0	4	167	150	0	3	8
J. F. Lunny (H.K.E.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	162	215	0	53	8
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	11	4	0	7	193	223	0	30	8
A. G. Buffard (I.R.C.)	3	3	0	0	71	46	25	0	6
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	4	3	0	1	83	83	0	0	6
A. G. Gardner (H.K.E.R.C.)	5	3	0	2	99	81	18	0	6
P. S. Cassidy (H.K.C.C.)	5	3	0	2	94	86	8	0	6
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	5	3	0	2	98	93	5	0	6
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	86	99	0	13	6
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	130	123	7	0	6
M. A. Gervais (Recreio)	8	3	0	5	130	143	0	7	6
A. McKellar (H.K.C.C.)	10	3	0	7	180	224	0	64	6
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	80	20	0	4
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	75	62	13	0	4
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	62	54	8	0	4
M. Mendonca (Recreio)	3	2	0	1	59	54	5	0	4
P. J. A. Hamilton (H.K.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	88	86	22	0	4
A. Nissim (H.K.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	76	95	0	19	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	84	90	0	26	4
M. F. Pinna (Recreio)	4	2	0	2	140	188	0	48	4
J. K. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	9	2	0	7	163	218	0	65	4
H. M. Xavier (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	81	41	20	0	2
C. W. Lam (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	28	12	14	0	2
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	29	11	11	0	2
W. A. Corneil (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	16	4	0	2
B. J. Lagon (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	10	4	0	2
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2
T. C. Monaghan (H.K.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	27	8	0	2
E. S. Franks (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	40	33	7	0	2



"Young" Aromin, holder of the Colony featherweight belt, who has not had a fight for over a year, will probably be seen in action on October 3, at the Star Theatre, when it is likely he will meet the Army champion, Pte. Noble, over 10 rounds in a programme in aid of the Bomber Fund.

CHINESE INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING?

Encouraged by the very successful manner in which V.R.C. organised the recent Inter-School Swimming Gala, Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union are contemplating holding a similar gala for all Chinese schools in the Colony on Sunday, September 28, providing sufficient support is forthcoming.

Invitations have already been sent to various Chinese schools. No competitor will be allowed to take part in more than three individual events for his or her team.

Following is the proposed programme:—
BOYS'
50 Metres free-style; 100 Metres free-style; 400 Metres free-style; 100 Metres back-stroke; 200 Metres breast-stroke and 130 Metres Medley Relay.

GIRLS'
50 Metres free-style; 100 Metres free-style; 400 Metres free-style; 100 Metres back-stroke; 200 Metres breast-stroke; 200 Metres free-style relay (four girls) and 150 Metres Medley Relay.

QUADRANGULAR AQUATIC GALA

Lai Tsun Swimming Union are organising a quadrangular swimming gala in aid of British and Chinese War Charities to be held at Chinese Y.M.C.A. on either September 18 or 19.

Sing Tao, Eastern Victoria Recreation Club and Lai Tsun are

L. E. Lamport (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	32	3	0	2
M. R. Pinna (Recreio)	2	1	0	1	38	42	0	6	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	57	58	0	1	2
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	44	65	0	21	2
S. H. Strange (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	78	0	27	2
R. C. Butler (H.K.E.R.C.)	4	1	0	3	68	80	0	14	2
C. Dawman (K.F.C.)	5	1	0	4	93	131	0	38	2
J. Ferguson (K.F.C.)	6	1	0	5	103	121	0	18	2
Y. Abbas (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	18	0	4	0
E. A. Atkin (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	5	0
F. K. Modi (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	18	29	0	11	0
M. Guterres (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	15	28	0	13	0
U. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	27	0	14	0
R. A. Edwards (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	29	0	16	0
A. F. Noronha (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	23	0
C. H. Fuller (K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	32	38	0	6	0
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
A. B. Mitchell (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	24	45	0	21	0
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	34	55	0	22	0
G. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	30	55	0	28	0
A. F. Paul (H.K.E.R.C.)	5	0	0	5	60	130	0	70	0

MIDDLESEX HAVE STILL TO SOLVE THEIR CENTRE FORWARD PROBLEM

By "Referee"

MIDDLESEX, WHO FINISHED FOURTH IN FIRST DIVISION OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE LAST SEASON AND WHO WERE THE LEADING NON-CHINESE TEAM, ARE ALL OUT TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITION THIS SEASON AND, WITH A GROUND AT THEIR D O O R STEP, ARE NOW TRAINING HARD AT SHAM-SHUIPO.

During the close season Middlesex lost the services of Freshwater, whose place in both the Regimental and Army teams will be hard to fill. All the remaining players who served Middlesex last season will, however, be available. Three



1941 LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OPENS THIS EVENING

THE 1941 COLONY LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP GETS UNDER WAY THIS EVENING, 14 MATCHES BEING DOWN FOR DECISION.

The champion, M. N. Rakusen, will not be playing until Wednesday, but L. A. Gutierrez, winner in 1932, and B. W. Bradbury, 1938 holder, are ex-champions who will be on view to-day.

MADAR AND ABBAS IN I.R.C. FINAL

The semi-final of Indian R.C. lawn bowls pairs championship, between A. H. Madar and M. R. Abbas against M. I. Razack and A. R. Minu, was decided yesterday when the former won 15-11, over 15 ends.

The final of the rinks competition, between rinks led by Abbas and A. M. Wahab, which was to have been played last Friday, was postponed until a date to be announced later.

"YOUNGSTERS" WIN AT HONGKONG C.C.

In a one rink lawn bowls game at Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday, "Youngsters" (S. L. Lloyd, R. Young, H. F. Shields and T. C. Monaghan) beat "Oldsters" (J. Owen-Hughes, L. E. N. Ryan, E. S. Doughty and P. S. Cassidy) by 30-19.

The winners, led 15-6 at the 9th, scored 2 8 3 4 1 0 5 1 to lead 27-16 at the 17th.

The losers had to make a contribution to the Bomber Fund.

C.C.C. BOWLS RESULTS

Following are the latest Craignower Cricket Club lawn bowls results.

RINKS COMPETITION

First Round:—L. M. Roza, Y. Abbas, H. W. Randall and J. S. Landolt (skip) beat V. A. Benson, G. S. Ladd, M. J. Medina and R. Basa (skip); Second Round:—W. E. Broadbridge, A. E. S. Alves, W. Ward and A. E. Conter (skip) beat J. H. Xavier, R. K. Pavri, D. A. Rozario and L. C. R. Souza (skip); S. R. Solina, M. A. Baptista, W. J. Howard and B. W. Bradbury (skip) beat C. W. Lam, Li Su-wing, E. Zimmer and W. K. Way (skip).

PAIRS COMPETITION

First Round:—W. E. Broadbridge and D. A. Rozario beat A. K. Ismail and R. Basa.

RIGGS WINS TITLE

Bobby Riggs won the American lawn tennis men's singles championship at Forest Hills, beating Kovacs 5-7, 6-1, 6-3, and 6-3.

Kovacs went completely to pieces at the beginning of the second set and never regained his form in the face of the determined and methodical Riggs, who was becoming steadier minute by minute and did not lose a service ace in the last three sets.

In five times that he served in the last set Riggs conceded only two points.

It was one of the most one-sided Finals in history. — Reuter.

Two matches in the Open Basketball League will be played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-night. V.R.C. will meet Wah-Kiu and Bank Union will be up against Chinese "Y."

Saturday's Sports

Due to the Manning Exercise, the sports programme was very much curtailed on Saturday, although the little that we had included two upsets in the Lawn Bowls League, one in First Division, where Indian Recreation Club, playing at home, only Rereolo "A" have beaten them at Sookunpoo. — beat Craignower Cricket Club, who had, however, already won the championship and were, therefore, not affected by the loss of the points.

In this game U. M. Omar completed his "double" over A. R. Dallah whom he beat for the second time in the League. It will be recalled that when Indians played Craignower for the first time this season, three weeks ago at the Valley, it was Omar's will over Dallah that gave Craignower the match by 3 shots. Incidentally, as a result of his latest win, Omar has assured himself of the title of Champion Skip for the season, an honour that is 100 per cent deserved for consistently good form.

POLICE Recreation Club, who are in the running for Third Division honours, had a rude shock when they were beaten in their Third Division

away match against Craignower, and though they still have two matches in hand, they will not be able to afford any more reverses if they are to carry off honours for the season.

U.S. NAVY came through with flying colours when they beat Hong Kong All-Stars in the fourth of

their five-game charity series to knot the count at 2-games all. It was a good game that had to go four extra innings before a decision could be reached, and the crowded stand was very appreciative of the fare served up to them.

I noticed that five or six of the lady spectators in the grandstand kept score books of their own, and were following the game with the keenest interest. It came as a surprise that members of the fair sex were so interested in baseball.

VALLEY GOLF ENTRIES

Entries received up-to-date for the Valley Golf Championship, to be played on September 14, are as follows:—

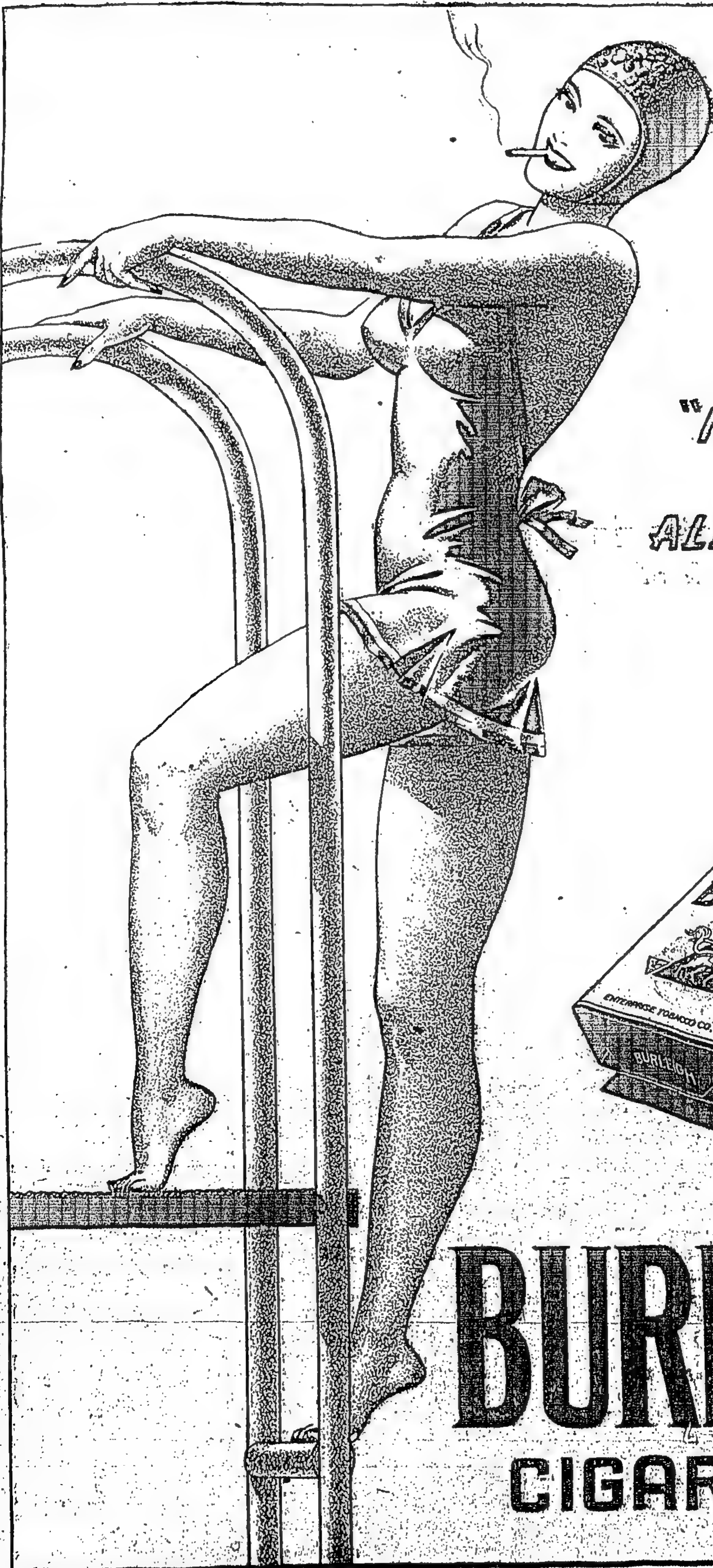
H. H. Mundy and K. S. Robertson, D. Wass and G. E. Willerton, A. J. Dennis and F. C. Barry, T. B. Low and R. K. Collings, M. A. Cairns and W. Stoker, R. M. Keown and N. J. Bebbington, G. T. Lowry and A. V. Greaves, G. W. Sewell and J. Linaker, N. J. Booker and J. M. Tibbison, W. J. Butler and A. E. Clark, G. Milne and J. D. Thomson, T. J. Price and H. N. Williamson, R. McEwen and R. Ellis.

The pairings are merely for starting times.

THE Police-Kwong Wah football match at Boundary Street, which the latter won 7-2, was more in the nature of a practice than anything else, and while Kwong Wah forwards showed themselves to be a smooth-working line, Police attackers were wanting in more ways than one.

Two bathing galas, one at Chung Shing and the other at Chinese Civil Service Bathing Club, were held, and though nothing outstanding took place, Ng Nin showed that he is still a force to be reckoned with by winning, at the Chung Shing gala, the 200 Metres freestyle quite comfortably in 2 mins. 37 secs.

W. E. L.



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BURLEIGH CIGARETTES

MRS. ROOSEVELT DEAD

President's Mother Passes At Age Of 87

ROOSEVELT BROADCAST POSTPONED

President Roosevelt's broadcast, scheduled to take place to-day, has been postponed until Thursday, according to a report by the Columbia Broadcasting System, says a Reuter message from New York.

FOOCHOW RETURNING TO NORMAL

CONDITIONS IN FOOCHOW ARE GRADUALLY RETURNING TO NORMAL. WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE CITY UNDER WAY, FORMER RESIDENTS ARE RETURNING IN LARGE NUMBERS.

To relieve the acute shortage of food, the Fukien Provincial Food Bureau has sent a considerable quantity of rice for distribution among the refugees. The price of the staple is now quoted at \$180 per picul, which at the time of the fall of the city rose to as high as over \$1,000 per picul.

Communication on the Min River was restored yesterday when a ship left down river amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. Thousands of persons lined the banks of the River and cheered the departing vessel, and fire-crackers were let off.—Central News.

Spent Childhood In Hong Kong

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S mother is dead. The President and his wife spent Saturday night at his mother's bedside and were with her when she died at 11.15 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

She had been unconscious for 12 hours following what the family physician, Dr. Scott Smith, called "an acute circulatory collapse due principally to advanced age."

The first intimation of this development came on Friday night but Mrs. Roosevelt's condition did not become alarming until late on Saturday.

The funeral, to be held at Hyde Park to-morrow, will be private.

The old lady spent most of the Summer in her cottage on Campo Bello Island, New Brunswick. She left there for Hyde Park on August 31.

White House officials are unable to say whether as a result of his mother's death, President Roosevelt's broadcast due to-day will be cancelled, deferred or delivered at the scheduled time.

If the latter course is adopted the broadcast would come from Hyde Park instead of Washington.

Childhood In Hong Kong

The late Mrs. Sara Roosevelt was the wife of James Roosevelt, fourth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1938 she met the King and Queen during their stay at Hyde Park, residence of the President and his wife, while Their Majesties were on a tour of Canada and the United States.

Born in 1864 at Algonac, a few miles from Newbold, New York State, the late Mrs. Roosevelt spent her childhood in Hong Kong where her father was in business.

On her return to Algonac she married in 1880 James Roosevelt who was a distant cousin.

In December, 1900, when the present President was 18, his father died and from then on Mrs. Roosevelt's affection was centred on her son, whose meteoric career she followed step by step with great pride.

Went To Paris

In September, 1937, at the age of 83, the late Mrs. Roosevelt went to Paris at the invitation of the French Government. She visited the Paris Exhibition where she was entertained to an official luncheon. She entered the luncheon room on the arm of M. Bonnet who was then the French Minister of Finance and previously French Ambassador in Washington.

It is presumed that the late Mrs. Roosevelt will be buried at St. James Episcopal Church, in Hyde Park village, where the President's father was interred.

Mrs. Roosevelt was very active, attending many charitable functions and State occasions but it is known that the President, when he went to Hyde Park for the week-end, wanted his mother to have "a check up" at the hands of her doctor.—Reuter.

BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD

(Continued from Page 1) blem will be only begun for the boundaries are a network of rivers and canals.

Stiff Task Ahead

The southern sector alone is threatened by five canals, while the 400-yard wide River Neva protects this quarter from the east.

With the Russians determined to fight from waterway to waterway and from house to house, and with winter coming soon, it is easy to imagine the formidable task and huge toll of human lives awaiting the Nazis before their communiques will be able to claim they have taken Leningrad "according to plan."

Gomel Success

Further successes in local operations in the Western sector were reported in Moscow yesterday.

In one of the sub-sectors, in the direction of Gomel, a Soviet rifle division, after overcoming considerable resistance, has retaken a number of large inhabited places, and destroyed 21 German tanks and many guns.

At another point in the Western sector, the Germans had established bridgeheads across the River Khmar, while Soviet aircraft, by dive-attacks, destroyed bridgeheads and prevented the crossing and killed some hundreds of Germans.

Soviet planes also attacked two aerodromes used by the enemy

AMERICAN R.A.F. AVIATORS DROWNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Four American aviators lost their lives, while seven were rescued, when a ship carrying them to Britain was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic.

The eleven men were on the way to join the R.A.F. after training at R.A.F. centres in the U.S. and Canada. The survivors were brought to Scotland by a Polish warship.—International News Service.

VATICAN STRETCHES A POINT

IT WAS LEARNED FROM VATICAN CITY THAT THE SHORTAGE OF WOMEN'S STOCKINGS IN ITALY HAS CAUSED A MINOR REVOLUTION IN CATHOLIC TRADITIONS.

Yesterday the Vatican authorities permitted women to enter St. Peter's stockless.

The decision, which was based on the almost complete lack of stockings in Italy except for women who are able to pay exorbitant prices, probably will be applied to all Italian churches, says a Reuter message from Berne.

and destroyed 35 planes, damaging others.

Soviet Communique

Following is the text of the Soviet communique:

"During September 7 stubborn fighting continued against the enemy along the entire front.

"Our Air Force dealt massive blows against enemy troops and attacked his air force on his aerodromes.

"Twenty-three German planes were destroyed on September 5 in air combats and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 11 planes.

The German submarine "U-73" was captured in the Sea of Barentz."

German Claims

"German bombers last night bombed the town and harbour of Odessa as well as railway junctions of military importance with good effect," said the German official news agency in Berlin yesterday.

The agency adds: "Small and large fires testified to the effect of the attack." — Reuter.

BALANCE SHEET IN THE AIR

Royal Air Force losses in European zones last week showed a considerable drop compared to the several previous weeks although their western offensive continued unabated, it was stated in London yesterday.

Losses in western Europe and the Middle East last week were 39 Axis machines and 46 R.A.F.

Twenty-eight R.A.F. bombers failed to return from raids on Germany, occupied territory and attacks on shipping.

R.A.F. fighters destroyed 14 Messerschmitts for the loss of 11.

In the Middle East 20 Axis bombers and fighters were destroyed for the loss of seven R.A.F. machines.

On several sweeps fighter pilots reported Messerschmitts refused to fight and it appears that the Luftwaffe chief is trying to conserve pilots.—Reuter.

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DEATH

KRING—At St. Teresa's Hospital, Kowloon, last night, 7th September, 1941, N. L. Krings, Funeral will take place at 5.30 p.m. to-day at the Protestant Cemetery Chapel.

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CONDITION
CRITICAL

Mr. J. G. Campbell, Chartered Civil Engineer of the Public Works Department, who is suffering from the effects of poison, was stated at Kowloon Hospital this morning to be "still very critically ill."

Mr. Campbell was admitted to hospital last evening suffering from the effects of poison.

Asked if he could tell the nature of the poison, Dr. Uttley told the "China Mail": "I don't think so, not yet."

According to the police, Mr. Campbell's condition is "very grave." He was stated to be suffering from narcotic poisoning.

The "China Mail" learns reliably that Mr. Campbell had been notified that he would be called to testify at the A.R.P. enquiry.

The "China Mail" understands that Mr. Campbell left his residence at 9.30 yesterday morning and returned foriffin. He again left the house, returning at 3 o'clock, when he went to bed with instructions to his "boy" to be called at 6 p.m. for tea.

When the "boy" entered the room he found Mr. Campbell lying on the bed and immediately sent for an ambulance.

ODESSA
COMMAND OF
THE AIR

The Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper, "Efe," says that the Russians in Odessa are not lacking air support "for although Odessa's seven aerodromes only serve for supplies and cannot be used as air force bases, military planes which come and go from the Crimea without pause or challenge by the Germans, have command of the air."

— Reuter.

Informed
Of Tenders

DISCLOSURES THAT the servants and clerks of the late Captain Hobbs personally informed him by telephone whenever tenders were being called for, were made in the course of examination of a witness, Chung Yuk, Manager and Partner of the Sang Tai firm of contractors, at this morning's resumption of the Inquiry into certain matters connected with A.R.P. Contracts conducted by a Commission of Three, with Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall as Chairman, assisted by Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. S. Hampden Ross.

The same witness said that he never saw announcements calling for A.R.P. tenders in the Chinese papers and that he was invariably informed by telephone whenever such instances occurred.

His firm made a net profit of \$20,000 from contracts for the supply of concrete blocks. In one instance Captain Hobbs sup-

plied witness with the particulars with which to fill in the tender forms.

Mr. Chung Yuk was first witness called. He told the Commission that the ten partners in his firm were Chung Yuk-wa (witness himself), Ng Wong-shi, Ng Hung-nin, Ng Sik-shiu, Chan Choi-hing, Shing Fuk-ching, Luk Wing, Chung Tam, Fok Fung-chi and Cheng Wan.

Chairman: Are all these partners resident in Hong Kong? — No.

How many are away from Hong Kong? — So far as I know only three are here.

Who are they? — Chung Tam, who lives in Kowloon City, Luk Wing, accountant in the firm, and myself.

When was the company formed? — About 11 years ago.

Would it be correct to say that in 1925 they were put on what is commonly known as the "Major Works List" by P.W.D.?

— Yes, but we had done pre-

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AIR ALARM
IN ROME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Italian High command, for the first time since the start of the war, disclosed that an air raid alert was sounded in Rome and that the outer barrage of A.A. defences were active. — International News Service.

EXPLOSION
IN A.R.P.
TUNNEL

An explosion occurred about 4.50 p.m. yesterday inside No. 11, A.R.P. Tunnel, at No. 23, Site, Aberdeen, three Chinese women being seriously injured and admitted to Hospital.

Five men were working in the tunnel when the explosion occurred. Four were sent to the Queen Mary Hospital for treatment, but only three were detained.

Some dynamite was concealed inside the tunnel by some workmen who were off duty. Without knowing this the five workmen started drilling on the rock, and the dynamite exploded.

ALLEGED OFFER OF
\$10,000 TO GOVT.
SERVANT

MR. HUMPHREY JOHN Crutwell, Assistant Controller of Food, is stated to have been offered a bribe of \$10,000 yesterday.

The money was alleged to have been offered by a merchant who wanted an export licence for 100,000 gunny sacks.

The merchant, William S. Shank, 37, described as the manager of the States Underwear Manufacturing Company, No. 44, Johnston Road, appeared on three counts of offering a bribe to a Public Servant, before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

It was alleged that accused was also responsible for offering \$500 to Mr. Crutwell, for the purpose of obtaining an export licence for 2,000 reams of paper.

Mr. F. W. Shaftain, A.D.C.I. (C), appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. D. McCullam for the defence.

It was stated that the case is for committal. The prosecution said it was believed that accused is using a fictitious name.

The case was adjourned to Monday, September 15, bail of \$10,000 being allowed.

"THE AXIS FORCES REMOVED FROM THE EAST WILL BE USED ON OTHER FRONTS." — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

FIGHTING
BY DAY
AND NIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Violent air fighting, with "Stalin's falcons" destroying more than 300 Nazi planes, continued over the approaches of Leningrad, states a broadcast from Moscow.

Thousands of workers are erecting fortifications around the city. A day and night battle for control of Kiev and Odessa still rages. A communique says the Soviet troops continued fighting the enemy along the whole front. The Red Air Force were successful in the south-eastern sector, attacking aerodromes and motorised columns.

The "relentless pounding" of the three major objectives of Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa, is reported by a Nazi High Command communique, which is barren of details.

No effort was made in Berlin to deny the Russian statements of a counter-offensive in the Ukraine. — International News Service.

Threat
To
Turkey

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Signor Gayda has warned Italy to be ready to "block Turkey's line-up with the British" and asserted that the Axis have abandoned plans of occupying all Russia before the winter.

"The Axis aims at organising strong a line of defence beyond Petrograd, Moscow, Kiev and Kharkov, including the zone of Russian war industries," he said.

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WHOLE OF LUFTWAFFE IN ACTION

"GERMANY HAS FLUNG ALMOST THE WHOLE OF THE LUFTWAFFE—FOUR AIR FLEETS AND ONE AIR CORPS—AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION," DECLARED A MAJOR-GENERAL GRENDAL, OF THE SOVIET AIR FORCE, IN AN ARTICLE IN "RED STAR" YESTERDAY.

"The first two months of the war against the Soviet Union have shown that the Germans have failed to achieve their chief aim—undisputed supremacy in the air.

"Aerial battles have proved definitely that the industry of Soviet aviation not only is not inferior to the corresponding German industry but on the contrary is superior to it in many ways.

"The enemy themselves are forced to admit the superior quality of our planes, and in particular that of our new fighter planes," the General continues.

"During the first two months of the war against the Soviet Union the Germans lost over 7,200 planes—an unheard of result in the history of aviation in general and the German air force in particular.

"In the course of the war our air force has destroyed over 2,000 Nazi planes on the ground. Our artillery is also inflicting on the enemy heavy losses.

"Nazi air formations are breaking up under the crushing attacks of our airmen.

Heavy Losses

"The 51st and 54th Bomber Squadrons of the Nazi Air Corps, commanded by General von Greim, lost during the first day of the war 30 per cent. of their planes, and the 57th Squadron 50 per cent.

"The losses of the German air force were heaviest in the zones of operations of Generals Kesselring's and Stumpf's air fleets in the western and south-western directions.

"The Germans now are using chiefly Heinkel III's, Dornier 216's, Junkers 88's and Messerschmitt 109's.

"The Germans now are doing their utmost to speed up the output of their new fighters—the Heinkel 113.

Respect For Red Fighters

"Captured German pilots have made statements showing their very great respect for the new Soviet fighter, which they call I 17.

ANTI-NAZI INCIDENTS IN PARIS

The Swiss radio, under the title "New incidents in Paris," reports a fire alleged to have been started maliciously in a garage in the 16th Arrondissement in Paris which was requisitioned by the Germans.

Firemen extinguished the fire and investigators found in the garage bombs which had not exploded.

In the Eiffel Tower quarter revolver shots were fired at a German soldier who was slightly wounded.

In the Bourse district a German civilian was ill-treated, the Swiss radio adds.—Reuter.

M. EGAL GREETED

RODERICK EGAL, LEADER OF FREE FRENCH IN SHANGHAI, NOW IN SINGAPORE, WAS RECEIVED ON SATURDAY BY ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, BRITISH NAVAL FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, AND BY AIR CHIEF-MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FAR EAST, WHO CONGRATULATED HIM ON HIS RELEASE.

During the interview, which lasted half an hour and which took place at the naval base in the presence of Charles Baron, General de Gaulle's delegate in Singapore, the Vice-Admiral and Air Chief Marshal expressed sympathy towards the Free French movement.—Reuter.

pled to reduce the scale of its military operations.

Radius Of Action Reduced

"IT IS IN THE LIGHT OF THESE FACTS THAT ONE SHOULD EVALUATE THE LOSSES OF HITLER'S AIR FORCE IN THE WAR AGAINST THE U.S.S.R.

"At present the German air force is forced to reduce its radius of action and transfer its units from one direction of the front to another.

"Even when working at full capacity Germany's aeroplane factories are unable to replace her rapidly increasing losses.

"On the other hand our inexhaustible strength is growing from day to day.—Reuter.

MAJOR DECLARATION OF POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The broadcast which President Roosevelt is expected to deliver on Thursday may be a major declaration of American policy and will presumably cover the Atlantic situation in the light of the "Greer" incident and the Pacific situation, in which the American-Japanese talks are now stalled.

Translations of the speech will be transmitted over short-wave in 14 languages.—International News Service.

THE AXIS SHIPPING LOSSES

APART FROM THE FACT THAT, AS STATED BY THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY RECENTLY, OUT OF A GRAND TOTAL OF 13,000,000 TONS OF MERCHANT SHIPPING OF THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES, OVER 7,000,000 HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM THE AXIS CLUTCHES TO PLAY A PART IN THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC, THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE EFFECTIVE USE OF PORTS AND SHIPPING WHICH THEY HAVE ACTUALLY CAPTURED.

From Kirkenes to Stavanger and from Den Helder to La Pallice, from Genoa to Palermo and from Catania to Taranto, British aircraft and warships are constantly attacking bases of Axis coastwise shipping, while on the sea itself Axis shipping is suffering losses far greater in proportion than those suffered by Britain in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Six million tons of shipping originally owned by the occupied territories, added to the German total of a little under 4½ million tons, makes just under 11 million tons.

Adding to this the merchant shipping tonnage of Italy, a little under 3½ million tons, there is a grand total of 14 million tons of shipping available for the Axis.

Of this four million tons has now been captured, sunk or scuttled, so that the Axis has already lost two-sevenths of which a considerable proportion, far from being a dead loss, has been added to the total employed by the British.—British Wireless.

ADMIRAL LEAHY

Admiral Leahy, U.S. Ambassador to Vichy, left Toulouse on his way to Barcelona on Saturday morning.—Reuter.

GIFTS FOR BOMBERS

A gift of £105,762 from Malayan mines towards a bomber fund has been gratefully acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production.

Other gifts include £5,250 from the citizens of Harrow (Middlesex) towards their Spitfire Fund and a further contribution of £30,000 from the Madras Governor's War Fund.

Madras has now contributed £299,954 towards a bomber squadron. They have already given £600,000 for three fighter squadrons.—British Wireless.

WIDESPREAD R.A.F. RAIDS IN LIBYA

FURTHER WIDESPREAD and successful R.A.F. raids in Libya and the destruction of a number of enemy aircraft on the ground, were announced in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued yesterday.

The communique says that in Libya R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked shipping alongside the Spanish Quay at Tripoli on the night of September 5/6.

A medium-sized merchantman was hit by a bomb and many direct hits were obtained on the quay.

Other R.A.F. bombers raided a number of objectives in Cyrenaica. At Derna large fire broke out and in one of these an explosion took place, followed by showers of sparks.

A number of enemy aircraft on the ground are believed to have been destroyed.

Night Fighters Over Suez

A motor transport camp south of Derna was also attacked and fire resulted from our bombing.

At Martuba bombs fell among dispersed aircraft and motor transport and the glow of fires could be seen all over the target area.

Other attacks were made on Bardia and the aerodrome at El Adem.

During the night of September

6/7 enemy aircraft tried to raid the Suez Canal area. Our night fighters shot down two raiders and damaged others.

From all these operations one of our aircraft is missing.—Reuter.

RELATIONS RESUMED

GREECE AND RUSSIA ARE TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHICH WERE INTERRUPTED BY THE GERMAN INVASION OF THE BALKANS.

A Greek delegation, representing the Government of M. Tsouderos, will leave Istanbul next week for Moscow led by M. Pipinella, former Greek Minister to the Soviet, who will remain in Moscow as Minister, presenting his letters of credence to Stalin in the name of King George of Greece.—Reuter.

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CHEMICAL WORKS BOMBED

THE FULL STORY OF THE LATEST R.A.F. RAID ON THE RHINELAND WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE IN LONDON.

It related that although there was a moon and clear sky over western Germany, the target was found only after skilful navigation. It was the chemical works at Huls, just north of the Ruhr, an important plant for the manufacture of buna, or synthetic rubber, with which Germany planned to make the army and air force independent of the blockade.

One Whitley pilot circled and criss-crossed over the whole area for an hour and a half before the navigator was certain that the right place was located.

Then he saw his bombs explode among buildings and several fires spring up.

Other crews had similar experiences. Searchlights were everywhere—one pilot dived within 100 feet of the ground to escape them—and anti-aircraft fire was intense.

"Rattling Bones"

One Canadian on his return described shrapnel fragments rattling against the bomber as like "a darky dancer rattling the bones."

Many Nazi night fighters were seen.

A Messerschmitt 110 attacked a Wellington from astern and then passed underneath.

The Wellington's front gunner opened fire but the Nazi returned for another attack.

Then both front and rear gunners fired.

There was no answer from the Messerschmitt which dived straight down "damaged, probably destroyed," as the crew said in their report.

The plant was subjected to a heavy bombardment often only from a few thousand feet, and many crews reported hits on the dead centre of the target and among storage tanks.

Fires were started emitting dense clouds of smoke.—Reuter.

SCIENTISTS TO GATHER

Representatives of Britain and the Empire, the U.S.A., the Soviet and China will meet at a three-day scientific conference in London from September 26 to 28.

The conference "will demonstrate the common purpose of men of science in ensuring a post-war order in which the maximum benefits of science will be secured for all people."

Mr. John Winant, M. Ivan Maisky and Dr. Wellington Koo, the U.S., Russian and Chinese Ambassadors, respectively, will preside at some of the sessions. Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France will be represented, and exiled scientists from Germany and Austria will probably also be present.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC

SIR FREDERICK EGLESTON, FIRST AUSTRALIAN MINISTER TO CHUNGKING, ARRIVED IN SINGAPORE YESTERDAY. HE STATED: "THE POLICY OF MY APPOINTMENT IS GRADUALLY TO EXTEND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION OF AUSTRALIA TO ALL COUNTRIES IN THE PACIFIC WITH WHICH WE HAVE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT."

"This does not involve any breach if we are in unity with the British Commonwealth of Nations. Those appointed will regard their task as one of cooperation with the British Ministers."

"It is of course true that Australia may have different interests on certain points but there will be constant consultation so as to beat out a common policy."—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT A RECORD

MR. A. W. FADDEN, Prime Minister, in a broadcast in Sydney yesterday, reviewing the two years of war, said that Australia's war effort is rapidly gaining strength.

"With pride, I claim that never before has a country of 7,000,000 people done so much in two short years. During the current year, Australia is devoting 30 per cent. of its total resources directly to the war effort," Mr. Fadden said.

"On this day of national prayer, we have dedicated ourselves once more to the supreme task of defeating the forces of evil."

Mr. Fadden added that at least one in four Australians of fighting age were serving with the fighting forces, namely 400,000 in the navy, army and air force. Within another two years the figure will exceed 600,000 in addition to 200,000 engaged directly or indirectly in the production of munitions, war equipment and war supplies.

The naval personnel had increased threefold, and the air force personnel seventeenfold.

Vital Year

Mr. Fadden paid a fine tribute to Mr. Menzies, his predecessor as Prime Minister, who he said,

BIGGER AND BETTER BOMBERS FOR R.A.F.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Army is moving to create the world's largest fleet of long-range sub-stratosphere bombers and has let contracts totalling \$347,000,000 for new Flying Fortresses.

The new craft are larger and more powerful than the type the R.A.F. is now using and will prove more effective in bombing Germany.—International News Service.

THE PAGE MISSION

SIR EARLE PAGE, WHO SHORTLY IS COMING TO LONDON TO REPRESENT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, ISSUED A STATEMENT IN SYDNEY YESTERDAY REGARDING HIS MISSION.

He said: "My function will be to establish personal Cabinet liaison between the two Governments. I am still responsible to the Australian Parliament and people."

"The primary purpose of my mission will be the presentation of the Australian viewpoint in certain major problems for maintaining the system of direct Cabinet representation in London."—Reuter.

AUSSIE LEGATION

The First Secretary of the Australian Legation in Chungking arrived by air on Saturday afternoon from Hongkong. He was met at the airfield by representatives of the British Embassy and the Chinese Foreign Office.—Reuter.

TURK-NAZI TRADE TALKS HANDICAPS

MR. NUMAN Menemendjoglu, Secretary-General of the Turkish Foreign Office, is reported to be ill and is not expected to be able to conduct the trade negotiations with Clodius, the German Trade Chief, and his mission.

It is thought that Cevat Ackkalin, third man in the Foreign Office, will be the chief Turkish delegate. The German mission, which is due to arrive at Ankara to-day, is headed by Minister and Counsellor Baron Sueskindschwendt and Reichmann, but Clodius himself is not expected until later, probably after the recovery of Menemendjoglu.

It is learned in Turkish business circles that the Germans are likely to press for chrome which Germany does not need at the present, but wants to purchase in order to strike a diplomatic blow at Britain who, according to an agreement which, however, expires shortly unless renewed, was granted the right to purchase all of Turkey's exportable surplus chrome.

The Snags

Dr. Clodius, head of the German Trade Commission to Turkey, has now arrived in Istanbul by air at the head of a large delegation including nine economic experts and is proceeding to-day to Ankara, where the trade talks will be held.

The Turkish delegates will be headed by Kishmir, Counsellor of the Ministry of Commerce.

It is believed that the new agreement envisages transactions valued at about £20,000,000 based on a barter system.

In view of the defects in the means of transport and the considerable difficulties in communications on land and sea, it is considered that the Germans will be unable to derive all the advantages hoped for from the agreement.—Reuter.

MR. MACKENZIE KING BACK

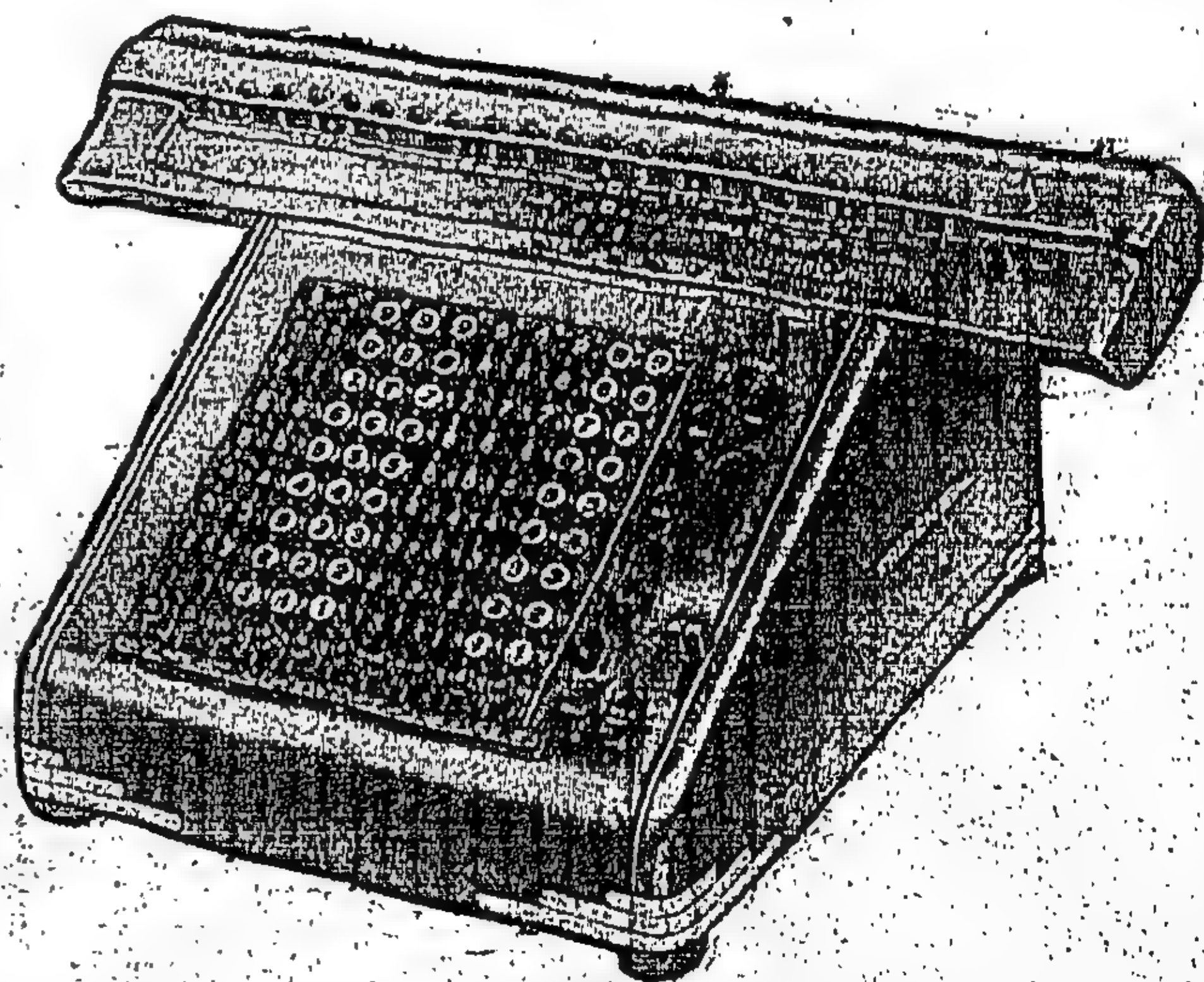
Mr. Mackenzie King arrived in Montreal from London yesterday. When he alighted from a transport plane of the R.A.F. Ferry Command, he was greeted by Mr. La Pointe, Minister of Justice, and Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions.—Reuter.

AFRAID TO LOSE FACE

The arrival of two American tankers at Vladivostok, with oil for Russia, has not so far been reported by any Japanese newspaper as the result of action taken by Japanese censorship, according to reports reaching Shanghai.—Reuter.

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MESSAGE TO WOMEN OF WORLD

British women from every service, vocation, trade, and special environment sent a combined message to a great mass meeting of Russian women who broadcast yesterday from Moscow to the women of the world.

Typical signatures to the message from British women, in addition to those serving with the forces and civil defence services, are those of an M.P., bus conductor, painter, education authority, actress, telephone operator, college principal, post-woman, tractor-driver and architect.

The message was: "We, the women of Britain, welcome Soviet women as our comrades in the struggle of all free peoples against the Nazi menace. Day and night in our homes and factories and in the armed forces, we stand like you beside our men in the front line.

"We are stirred and encouraged by your heroism and steadfastness. We are welded to you in hatred of Hitlerism and the evils of the Nazi regime.

"We shall listen to the broadcast with eager interest and in the firm belief that our joint efforts will help bring victory to our cause. We look forward to the day when the women of the world will play a part in building the future of freedom, stability and justice for all mankind."

The Soviet women's appeal, to which similarly representative signatures were attached, included the following sentences: "On behalf of the millions of Soviet women we appeal to you to unite the efforts of the women of the whole world for the destruction of sanguinary Hitlerism. We are firmly convinced that by our joint efforts we will succeed in making the slogan 'women of the world—on to the struggle against Hitlerism' resound in every town and village in every country and become the watchword of freedom-loving women the world over."—British Wireless.

PREPARING FOR THE WINTER

FINNISH, HUNGARIAN AND RUMANIAN SAWMILLS ARE BUSY PRODUCING THOUSANDS OF STANDARDISED HUTS WHICH THE GERMANS ORDERED FOR USE IN RUSSIA DURING THE WINTER.

The need for huts was demonstrated in a film of the Russian war which the German Embassy recently showed to Turkish journalists who were amazed by the fact that they saw not a single hut standing throughout the film.

The huts are being made without windows, with an air-space between the inner walls in order to keep out the intense cold.—Reuter.

SALVAGE DRIVES

The beginning of salvage drives throughout the country was announced by the Princess Royal in a broadcast yesterday.

"To-morrow, Yorkshire, my own county," she said, "starts a drive and so do Gloucester, Somerset and Bristol, to be followed next week by Greater London."

She asked her listeners to picture a convoy of ten or a dozen ships with an escort of naval aircraft.

"Multiply that tenfold and you will get an idea of the shipping saved thanks to the 400,000 tons of waste paper already salvaged from homes in Britain. Scrap metal collected through council schemes alone add another 400,000 tons. But we want more to pile up home reserves until the safety margin is reached."—British Wireless.

THREE FIGHTERS LOST

Three British fighters were lost in yesterday's daylight operations, the Air Ministry announced in London.—Reuter.

CALL TO BRITISH JEWS

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. H. Hertz, is issuing a call to all Jewish communities throughout the British Empire to join in a "Week of Re-dedication" in the period culminating on the Day of Atonement.

Rabbi Hertz is to inaugurate the Week by broadcast addresses on September 21 and 22.—Reuter.

KENT VIEW OF R.A.F. RAIDS

Flames from a chain of fires reddened the sky above Boulogne last night and watchers on the Coast believe that R.A.F. Bombers gave the invasion ports a 90-minute bombing in brilliant moonlight.

Thousands of people from Ramsgate to Dungeness had a grandstand view of the attack, for visibility was exceptionally clear.

Searchlights tried to pick out the anti-aircraft guns flashed into action all the way from Boulogne to Cap Gris Nez.

At 11.30 p.m., after the last of the raiders had re-crossed the Channel, big fires were burning more fiercely than ever.—Reuter.

BICYCLES STOLEN

In connection with recent thefts of bicycles in Mongkok and Yaumati districts, four youths were charged with stealing or aiding and abetting. Bicycles were stolen and sold by them to stalls in Hunghom.

Three youths were sentenced to three months' hard labour, while the other one, who had two previous convictions, was given six months and recommended for banishment.

POSSESSED PRIVATE CODE

Leung Keung-yu, 60, gunny bag dealer, was fined \$250 by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistrate's court this morning, for possession of a private code at No. 16, Kwai Heung Street, on Thursday, without a permit from the Commissioner of Police.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ pleaded guilty on behalf of accused, while Detective Sergeant Johnston appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. Russ said that his client had no intention of using the code.

2,000 PLANES OVER MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Soviet Embassy in Washington reported yesterday that more than 2,000 German planes have participated in bombing Moscow. To date the total German loss over Moscow is 134 planes.—International News Service.

PLACED ON BOND

A 19-year-old married woman, Wong Lai-chan, charged with stealing a pair of shoes from a shop in Shanghai Street last Friday, was placed on a \$10 bond to be of good behaviour for six months by Mr. H. C. McNamara at Kowloon this morning.

BLENHEIMS BLOW UP A NAZI SHIP

An escort vessel was blown up and a supply ship set on fire off the Dutch coast yesterday, according to an Air Ministry communique in London which states:—

"Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked an enemy supply ship and escort vessel off the Dutch coast early this afternoon.

"The escort vessel was hit and blew up. The escort's supply ship was set on fire.

"An enemy fighter was destroyed by our escorting fighters.

"Our fighters also carried out several offensive sweeps over Northern France in the course of which they destroyed a second enemy fighter.

"In these operations we lost two Blenheims and two fighters."—Reuter.

AMERICA A UNITED BLOC

Addressing a huge audience on the occasion of the anniversary of Brazilian independence in Rio de Janeiro, President Vargas, referring to the policy of America as a whole declared:

"All aggression, from whatever quarter, will find us a united bloc made up of the greatest number of nationalities that have ever constituted a defence alliance."

Continuing, President Vargas said that the 119th anniversary of Brazil's independence could still be celebrated without mourning, for the people and the Government of Brazil had been able, despite the present difficult situation, to avoid the perilous shocks threatened by the forces that were deluging humanity in blood.

"We are a peaceful nation," he said, adding, "Our principal aim is to keep away from the terrible contingencies of war. We are, however, unable to foresee how events will develop and what circumstances we may be called to take part in and what efforts will be demanded of us."—Reuter.

NEW LIFE AT FORTY-FIVE

Overcoming the Trials of Middle Age

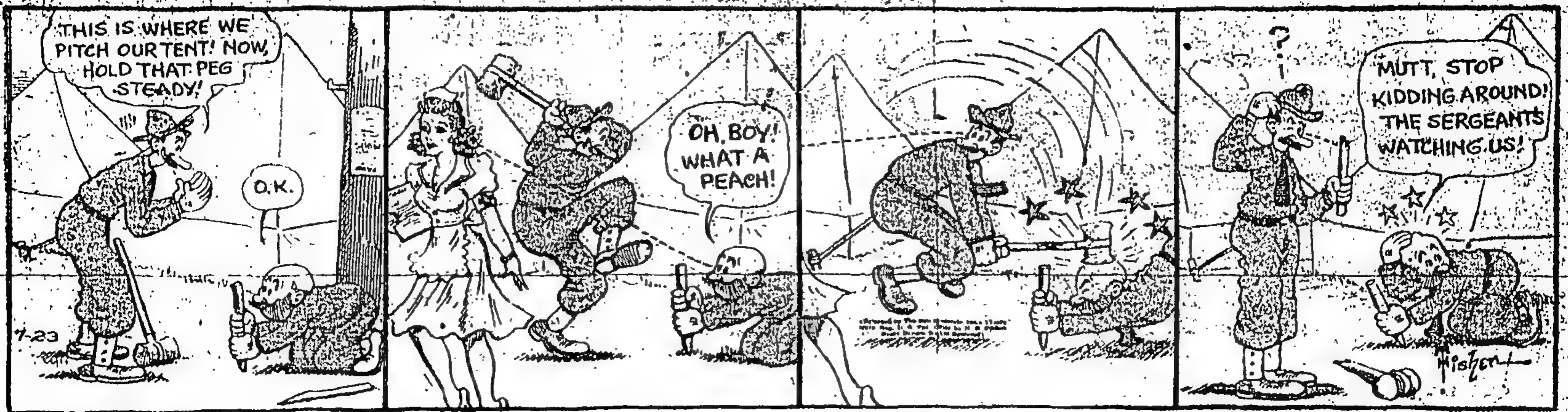
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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



DEPT. WORKS SO FAST!

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS are generally supposed to be "too slow for words." Well, here is one that works too fast for the public.

It is the War Damage Commission for the Midland Region, whose offices are in Easy Row, Birmingham.

The manager told the "Daily Mirror": "The public work much too slowly for us. We are waiting to pay out claims for war damage, but there are hundreds who have not filled in their claim forms that we have sent them.

"They seem scared of the questions and carefully study the form as though it were income tax.

"Afraid To Answer"

"Many of the forms come back to us only half completed because claimants are afraid to answer the questions and think we are out to trick them.

"We have to send the forms back, which wastes much time. It is the public who are holding us up. Our examiners are up to date in their examinations of war damage in their city.

"We keep a careful double check on all builders' charges and

have practically a fool-proof system against fraud." People who are homeless get first consideration.

CRUISERS LAUNCHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The 6,000-ton cruiser "Atlanta" was launched at the Kearney (N.J.) shipyards, being the first ship to take the water since the Navy took over the yards.

Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone with the Wind," performed the launching ceremony.

In addition to the "Atlanta," another cruiser, the "San Juan," was launched yesterday. Both ships are capable of high speed. — International News Service.

AUSTRALIA'S DESTINY

"We rejoice that the Russians are fighting so magnificently, but Russia cannot hope to defeat the Germans in Germany and bring her to her knees," declared Mr. W. M. Hughes, Minister for Navy, in a speech at Melbourne yesterday.

"Australia's destiny depends on her ability to achieve unity." — Reuter.

Hitler And His Dog

The Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper, "Efe," sends a graphic description of Hitler's headquarters about which silence hitherto has been maintained.

Hitler's headquarters is no longer in the train which has been seen in newsreels.

"Difficulties of railway communications necessitated a change to a group of lorries which were transformed into a kind of automobile encampment," says the correspondent, adding: "The camp is always pitched near a mountain or wood so that Hitler can take solitary walks as he is accustomed to at Berchtesgaden.

"At present it is near a large wood where Hitler can be alone with a dog. A thousand precautions have been taken to keep the situation secret.

"Mail is sent by air to different aerodromes and then by car to the camp.

"The Press Chief, Dietrich, has a special mobile office where world news is received so that Hitler is kept informed of current events." — Reuter.

SYRIAN TALKS

The Free French leader in the Near East, General Catroux, has proceeded to Aleppo for consultations with leading personalities concerning Syria's future. — Reuter.

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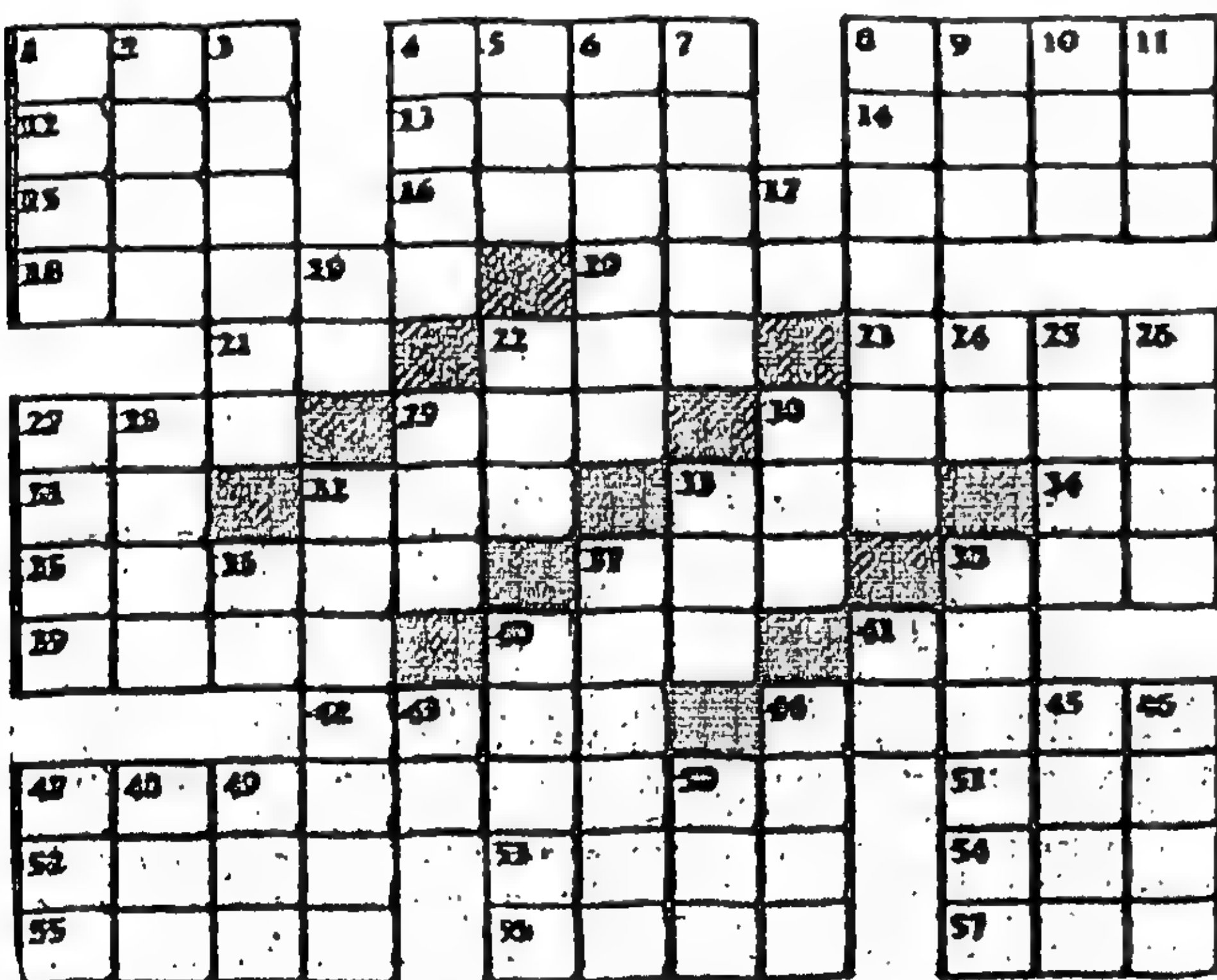
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- 16 Unutterable
- 18 To flash
- 20 Observed
- 21 Japanese measure
- 22 To jostle
- 23 River in England
- 27 The lily
- 29 To mend
- 30 Stairs over a fence
- 31 Land measure
- 32 To deposit
- 33 Tip
- 34 French article
- 35 Spanish cloak
- 37 To bring forth
- 38 Equality
- 39 Ox of Celebes
- 40 Termination
- 41 Exclamation of astonishment

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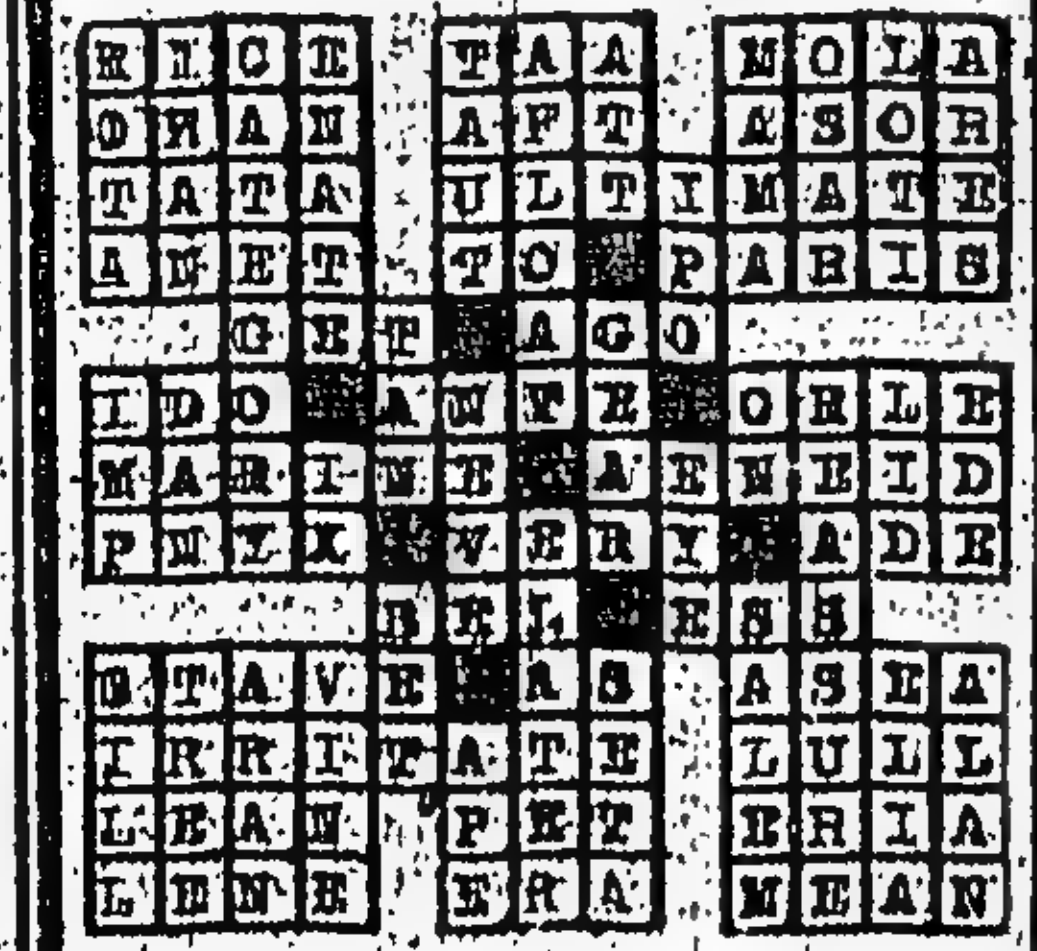
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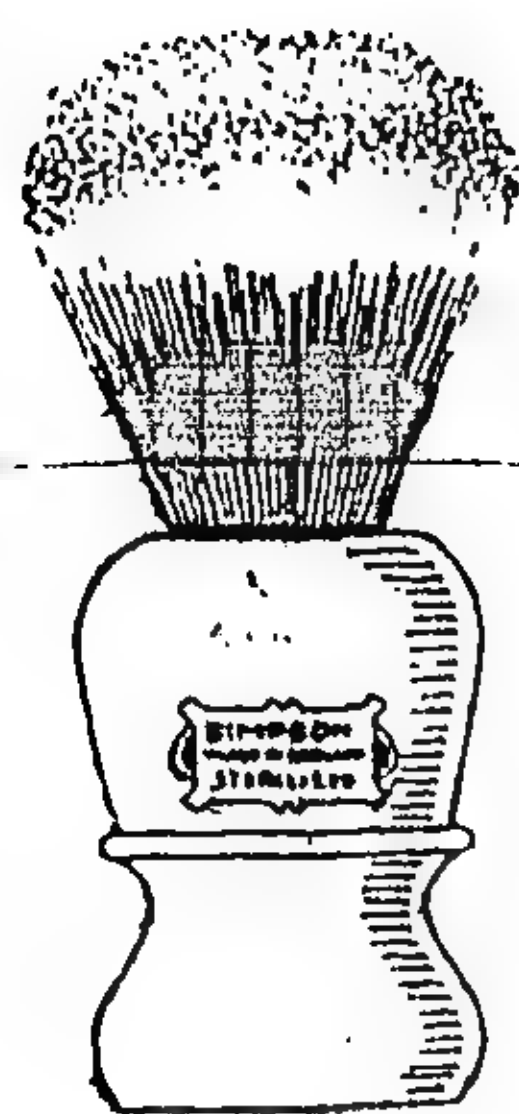
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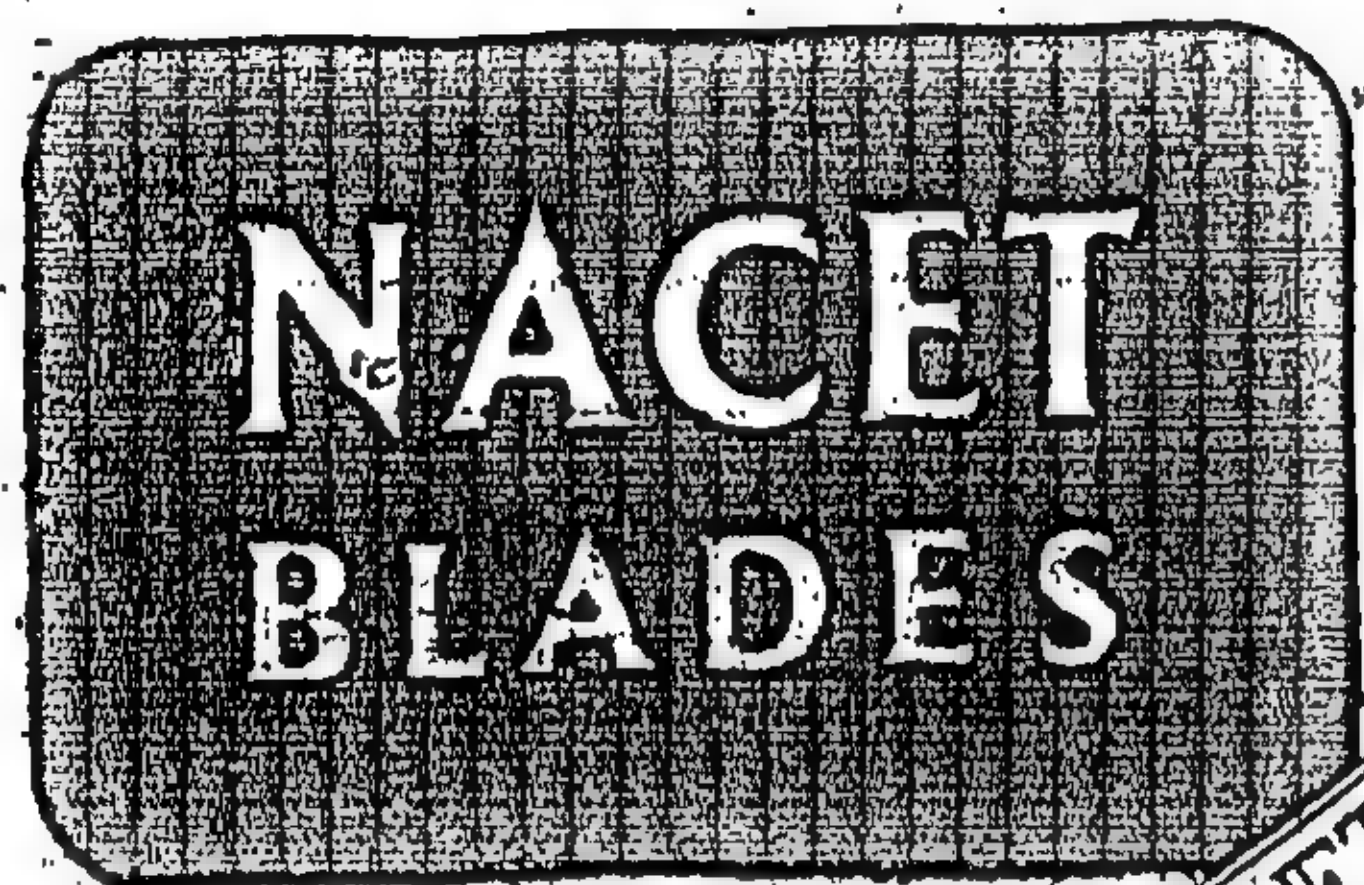
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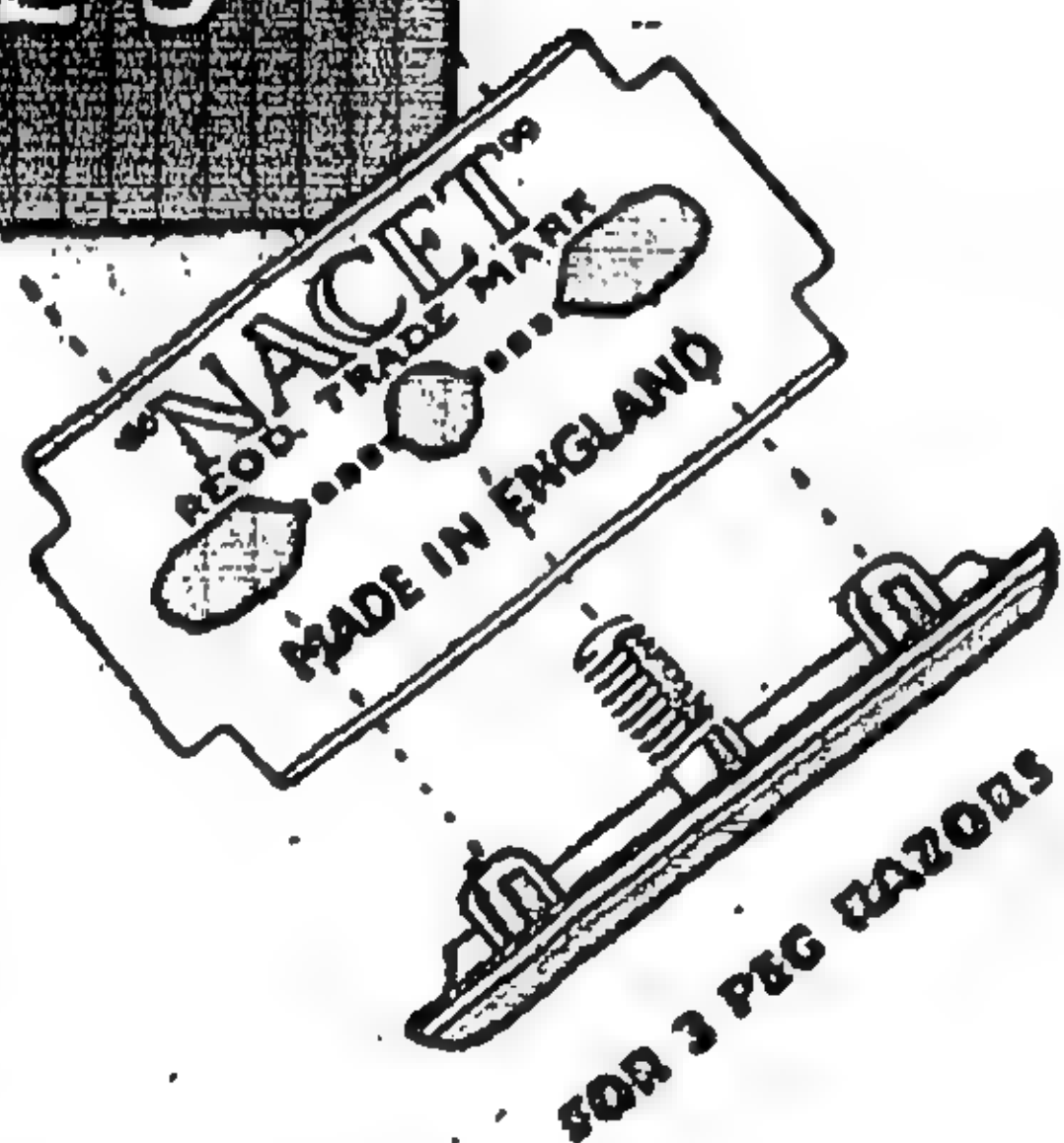
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Difficult Tasks Ahead Of Germans

(By "Annalist")

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK-END THE BATTLE OF LENINGRAD CONTINUED UNABATED. THE ISSUE REMAINS IN THE BALANCE: THE SOVIET COMMUNIQUE IS RETICENT, REPORTING ONLY THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES, WHILE EVEN THE GERMANS MERELY FALL BACK UPON THE ACCUSTOMED FORMULA THAT OPERATIONS CONTINUE "ACCORDING TO PLAN."

Despite the huge effort the Germans are making it seems they have nothing concrete to report since their claim two days ago that Leningrad was under shell-fire.

Even if this claim is true it is not particularly significant, for it may be noted that Odessa, Tobruk, and even Dover, all along have been under German shell-fire but are far from being in German hands.

Nevertheless it would be foolish to underrate the seriousness of the German thrust on Leningrad and no doubt it is just because the Russians realise the strategic importance of that city that they are now exerting such strenuous efforts to defend it.

Should Leningrad fall any time before winter sets in, it might leave a section of the Nazi army free to sweep inwards towards Moscow, and in addition would give them in the port of Leningrad a valuable supply base free from mud and snow though not from ice, for it should be noted that the whole Gulf of Finland is ice covered throughout the winter months.

Formidable Defences

The defences which the Germans are now facing in Leningrad are formidable.

INDEED, THE THREE CONCENTRIC RINGS OF FORTIFICATIONS AROUND ITS SOUTH-EASTERN APPROACHES (THE ONLY DIRECTION FROM WHICH THE CITY CAN SERIOUSLY BE THREATENED) HAVE BEEN COMPARED IN STRENGTH WITH THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

They may not be impregnable but they will certainly exact a disastrous toll of German lives if the Nazis decide to try and take the city by storm.

Even if the Germans reach the very outskirts of this city of 3,000,000 inhabitants, their problem will be only begun for the boundaries are a network of rivers and canals.

Stiff Task Ahead

The southern sector alone is threatened by five canals, while the 400-yard wide River Neva protects this quarter from the east.

With the Russians determined to fight from waterway to waterway and from house to house, and with winter coming soon, it is easy to imagine the formidable task and huge toll of human lives awaiting the Nazis before their communiques will be able to claim they have taken Leningrad "according to plan."

Gomel Success

Further successes in local operations in the Western sector were reported in Moscow yesterday.

In one of the sub-sectors, in the direction of Gomel, a Soviet rifle division, after overcoming considerable resistance, has retaken a number of large inhabited places, and destroyed 21 German tanks and many guns.

At another point in the Western sector, the Germans had established bridgeheads across the River Khmar, while Soviet aircraft, by dive-attacks, destroyed bridgeheads and prevented the crossing and killed some hundreds of Germans.

Soviet planes also attacked two aerodromes used by the enemy and destroyed 35 planes, damaging others.

Soviet Communique

Following is the text of the Soviet communique:

"During September 7 stubborn fighting continued against the enemy along the entire front.

"Our Air Force dealt massive blows against enemy troops and attacked his air force on his aerodromes."

"Twenty-three German planes were destroyed on September 5 in air combats and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 11 planes.

The German submarine "U-78" was captured in the Sea of Barents."

German Claims

"German bombers last night bombed the town and harbour of Odessa as well as railway junctions of military importance with good effect," said the German official news agency in Berlin yesterday.

The agency adds: "Small and large fires testified to the effect of the attack." — Reuter.

THREAT OF THE GREER ISSUE

The German charges against President Roosevelt over the Greer incident are treated as ludicrous in Washington, as no one believes the Greer had any orders to do anything but defend itself.

Moreover, the destroyer was so plainly marked that no submarine commander with his periscope above water could possibly have mistaken her for one of those that had been transferred to Great Britain.

The incident, which appeared fairly innocuous at first, now threatens to develop into a serious diplomatic issue, and while none still believes that it can lead America into the war, it will intensify relations, and similar incidents in the future would unquestionably inflame opinion in Washington.

REPORTS FROM HYDE PARK THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS CONSIDERING CONVOYS AS THE RESULT OF THE GREER INCIDENT ARE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON, WITH INTENSE INTEREST, BUT NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS HEAD IS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. — REUTER.

Nazi Claims "Nonsense"

IT WAS STATED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY THAT THE GERMANS ARE NOWHERE NEAR THE SOUTH-EASTERN APPROACHES OF LENINGRAD STILL LESS THE EASTERN APPROACHES.

WITHOUT THE CAPTURE OF THESE, IT IS POINTED OUT IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL, IT IS NONSENSE TO TALK OF THE CITY BEING ISOLATED, EVEN THOUGH SOME RAILWAYS MAY BE PUT OUT OF ACTION FOR A SHORT TIME. — REUTER.

GERMANS RUSHING UP MORE TROOPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports received by Belgian circles in London yesterday declared that the Luxembourg railways are jammed with German troop-trains.

The trains, it was reported, are rushing reinforcements to the eastern front. — International News Service.

German Defences Crumble

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The slaughter of 15,000 Germans and the destruction of large quantities of Nazi weapons and equipment by violent Soviet artillery fire in a single day, was announced in Moscow yesterday.

The Red Air Force dealt massed blows at panzers, troops and artillery emplacements.

The Soviets announce energetic counter-attacks, on all five main fronts and emphasise the power of massive Russian field-guns which are being increasingly used in the defence of Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa and other centres.

Recapture of an important section of the railway south of Leningrad is reported.

THE "RED STAR" SAYS THAT ON THE CENTRAL FRONT, WHERE THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING FOR THREE WEEKS, THE GERMAN DEFENCES ARE PROGRESSIVELY CRUMBLING. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

JAPANESE LEAVING SYRIA

THE JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL AT BEIRUT, WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER SYRIA, LEBANON AND PALESTINE, WILL CLOSE TO-DAY OWING TO EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Consul-General, Mr. Saita, and the Vice-Consul are leaving Beirut.

Other Japanese officials and civilians have already left for Japan. — Reuter.

GERMANS ACTIVE IN BULGARIA

Travellers arriving in Ankara from Bulgaria report great German activity in Varna and Burgas. Rumours are circulating in Turkey that the German naval headquarters have moved from Sofia to Varna. — Reuter.

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WINDSOR HOUSE

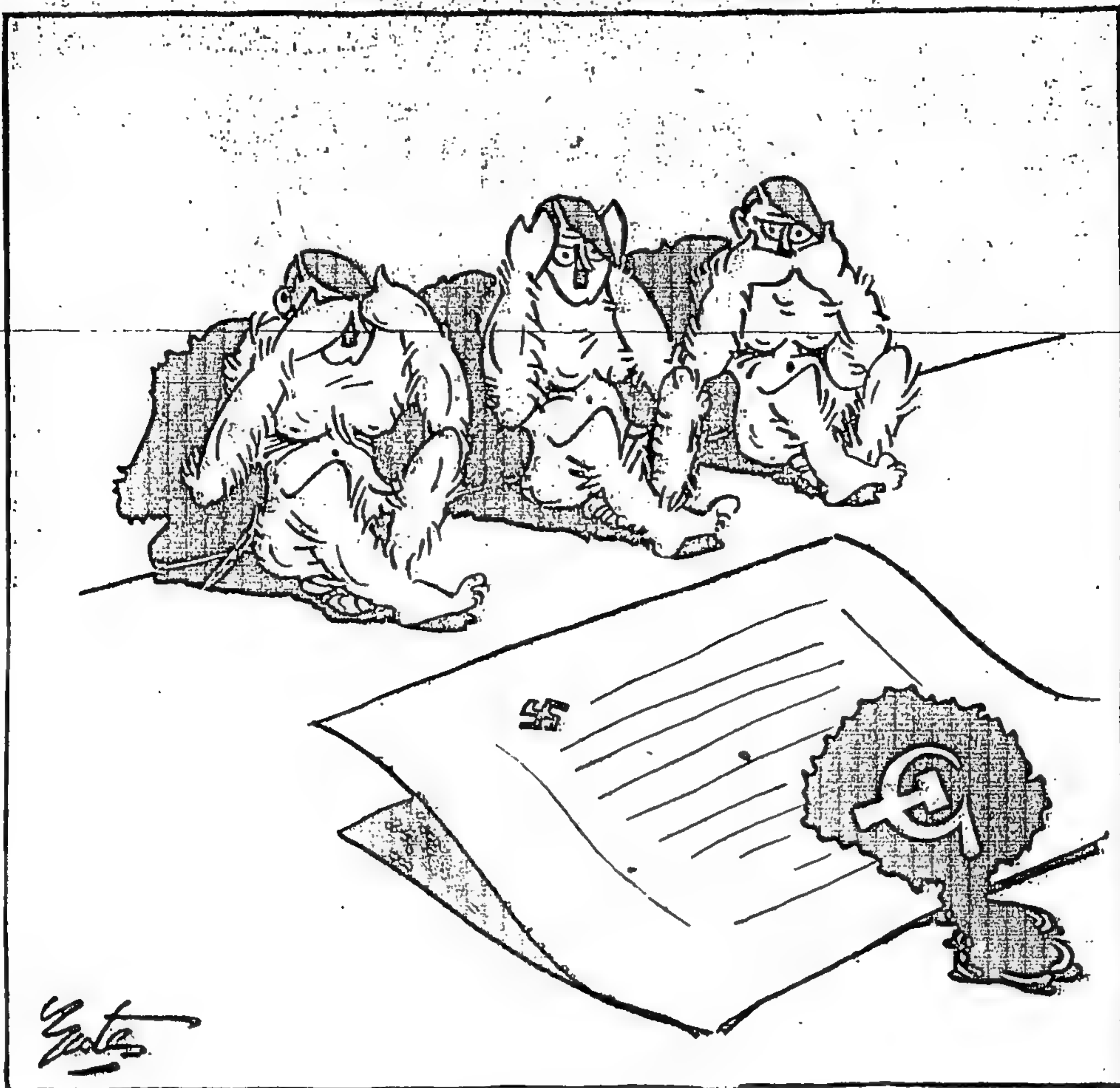
MAGIC LETTERS

When the history of this war comes to be written, a chapter may well be devoted to the part played in the conflict by symbols and letters of the alphabet. Much may be written about the psychological effect of the perverted swastika, the disturbing hammer and sickle, and the inspiring cross of Lorraine. Among letters that will live in an imperishable combination, signifying epic heroism, are R.A.F. And on the same plane will be the single letter "V." The campaign which swept through enslaved Europe on July 20, 1941, will be remembered long after men forget the epitaph, "Here Lies Joseph Goebbels." In spite of not too subtle Nazi attempts at adopting the symbol, it has escaped contamination. "V" stands for Victory in several languages, and for Victory in a sense that is entirely foreign to the present German Government's conception of "Sieg."

There is not much virtue in the letter "V" divorced from this idea of victory over the forces of evil. It is true "V" stands for valour. But it also stands for violence and vice; for vagabondage and vagrancy; vagueness and vanity; vampirism and vandalism; vacillation and vacuity; vassalage, venom, vermin, vultures, vituperation, vitriol, vulgarity — and Vichy. All these unlovely things that begin with "V" were thrust out of our minds when the one great "V" that stands for the overthrow of Hitler appeared. It was fortunate that the Fuehrer's father, when he changed his own name from Schickelgruber to something more Aryan, did not also re-christen his offspring Adolf with some such name as Viktor. Anyway, Hitler has no use for the letter "V." His whole faith is pinned to the sinister initial "H."

While Britain launched the "V" campaign, it has been said that she should attach more importance to the letter "W," which stands for Work as the best expression of the Will to Win. Incidentally, there is not only a "W" but the full word "Win" in her Prime Minister's first name. This may be hailed as another portent of victory, at a time when names, words and letters mean so much. It has also been noted that three great Americans have recently visited Britain in this order: "Welles, Will-

BLOT ON HIS COPYBOOK



TONGUE-TIED

Common Sense

Experts are evidently people who arouse deep feelings of respect or resentment. Some recent observations concerning the modern cult of experts brought a number of comments most of which were written, so to speak, at the top of the voice. There was a general show of strong emotion on the subject, so strong that I believe some explanations to be due.

The kind of thing against which I was protesting was the endless iteration of such words as "expert" in order to mesmerise the ordinary person and crush them with a sense of hopeless ignorance and inferiority. Just after I had written there appeared in a popular paper a perfect specimen of what I had in mind. The article was called "Each Housewife a Mrs. Beeton," a silly enough title since Mrs. Beeton was a lady who notoriously "took a dozen eggs" whenever she felt inclined and cooked with an extravagance which would have been absurd in 1939 and is wholly impossible in 1940. With every housewife striving to be a Beeton we should soon lose the war.

But let the lavish lady and her dozen eggs pass. The second caption announced that in home kitchens "Ministry Experts" would "Show How." The first line of the opening paragraph alluded to the coming of these "natty dressed experts." Then we read that the housewife would "lend her kitchen to a Ministry expert" and that "the expert" would arrive to take over. There are apparently 4,000 of these "experts" at large (are tax-payers sustaining this entire legion as well as Copper's Snoopers?) and they realise that "housewives in the poor districts do not always respond to the Mrs. Beeton touch." Considering Mrs. Beeton's brisk way with ingredients, this is good news for the Food Controller. Even better news is the announcement that housewives have sometimes actually given hints to the experts. One has always a certain sympathy for the fox that bites the M.F.H.

The object of this propaganda, which crams the word "expert"

into every line, is obviously so to impress and cow the wretched commoner that he or she will begin to believe in the omniscience of the "natty dressed" 4,000 and swallow anything in their jargons as well as anything in their saucepans. The expert cult is, in fact, a minor cousin of the dictator cult, which is the present scourge of the world. Its job is to abolish self-reliance and to substitute for it an abject state of credulity and meekness before instructors. Of course instruction is a necessary part of

life, but the best teachers are usually those who carry themselves modestly, have a sense of humour, a power of self-criticism, and do not present themselves with the high title of "expert" when they are teaching their grandmother to boil eggs.

By
Ivor Brown

In the authoritarian State the expert, launched by a Government department, is a natural implement of policy. He is part of the whole apparatus of public hypnotism. Democracies have properly been shy of such creatures, and in Britain we insist that each Government department, however large and learned its staff of experts, shall be ruled at the top by a politician who comes fresh to the job, either from his own private profession or from another Government office. This may seem a curious way of doing things, yet it does, on the whole, work out fairly well, provided the man in question has natural ability and common sense.

It is noteworthy that everybody is praising the control of our war effort by Mr. Churchill, who has been everything from a journalist to a politician, from a soldier to a sailor, from an author to a bricklayer, is a good painter, and has shown an extraordinary attachment to the design of new and striking hats. At the same time, praise has been generally and no doubt justly showered on Lord Beaverbrook, who passed with the greatest of ease from the production of cement to that of newspapers, proving himself as talented a circulation-builder in the last as in the former occupa-

tions. There is really a strong case for Johannes Factotum, as they called William Shakespeare, for doing all the jobs in the theatre.

Everybody knows that many expert jobs need expert handling by thoroughly trained people. A precision instrument must be precisely made and used, and a complicated machine must be constructed, driven, and mended by a competent mechanic. But the necessity for experts in their own sphere of the mysteries of craft and science is no excuse for the pretence that everything is better called "science" and handed over to those who have a formidable apparatus of theory and vocabulary. It is by no means proven that the management of a home is improved by calling the process "Domestic Science," and I am not at all convinced that discharging 4,000 experts, however natty dressed, into poor women's kitchens in order to make Beeton's of them, all is going to improve either the national cooking or the national temper. One of the most important problems of statecraft is to settle the relative spheres of science and common sense.

Common sense! It is surely the sovereign quality in human business and society. The words do not mean that it is a common property and widely spread, but that its owner deals with common matters sensibly. Common sense is the eternal foe of pretentious theorising and ambitious jargon. Its first business is to look below the word to the meaning, and never to accept the claimant to special knowledge and the seeker after special power on his own terms. Common sense is essentially a probe. Having agreed that the expert is an expert and that the job is one which genuinely needs his specialised knowledge, it puts him to work. But when it accords him as an authority on technique it does not accept him as a maker of policy. A world run by experts would be chaos, because experts are habitually, and perhaps rightly, centred on a tiny little world of their own. To the ear specialist the human body is apt to be one vast ear, and to the gastric surgeon the human being may be little more than a sac, some tubes, and an appendix. Specialists need general practitioners to sustain their sense of proportion, and this is just as true of politics as it is of medicine. "Every profession," Mr. Shaw has said, "is a conspiracy against the public." It is a salutary exaggeration.

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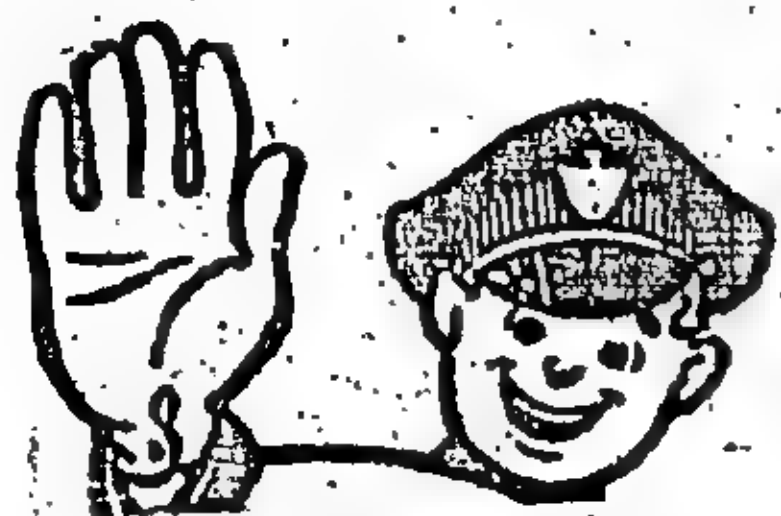
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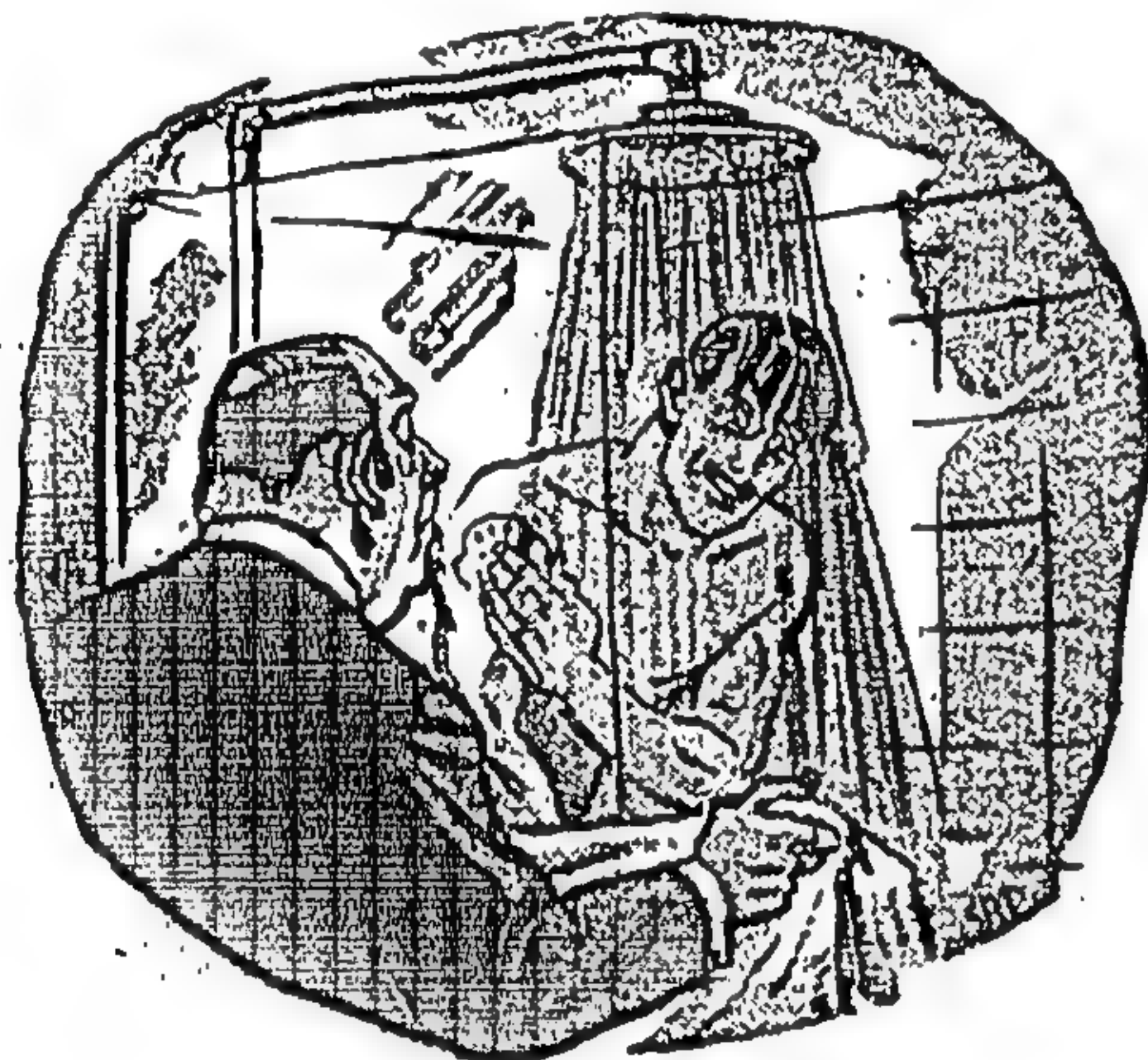
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"I see, Sir. Old saw, Sir."

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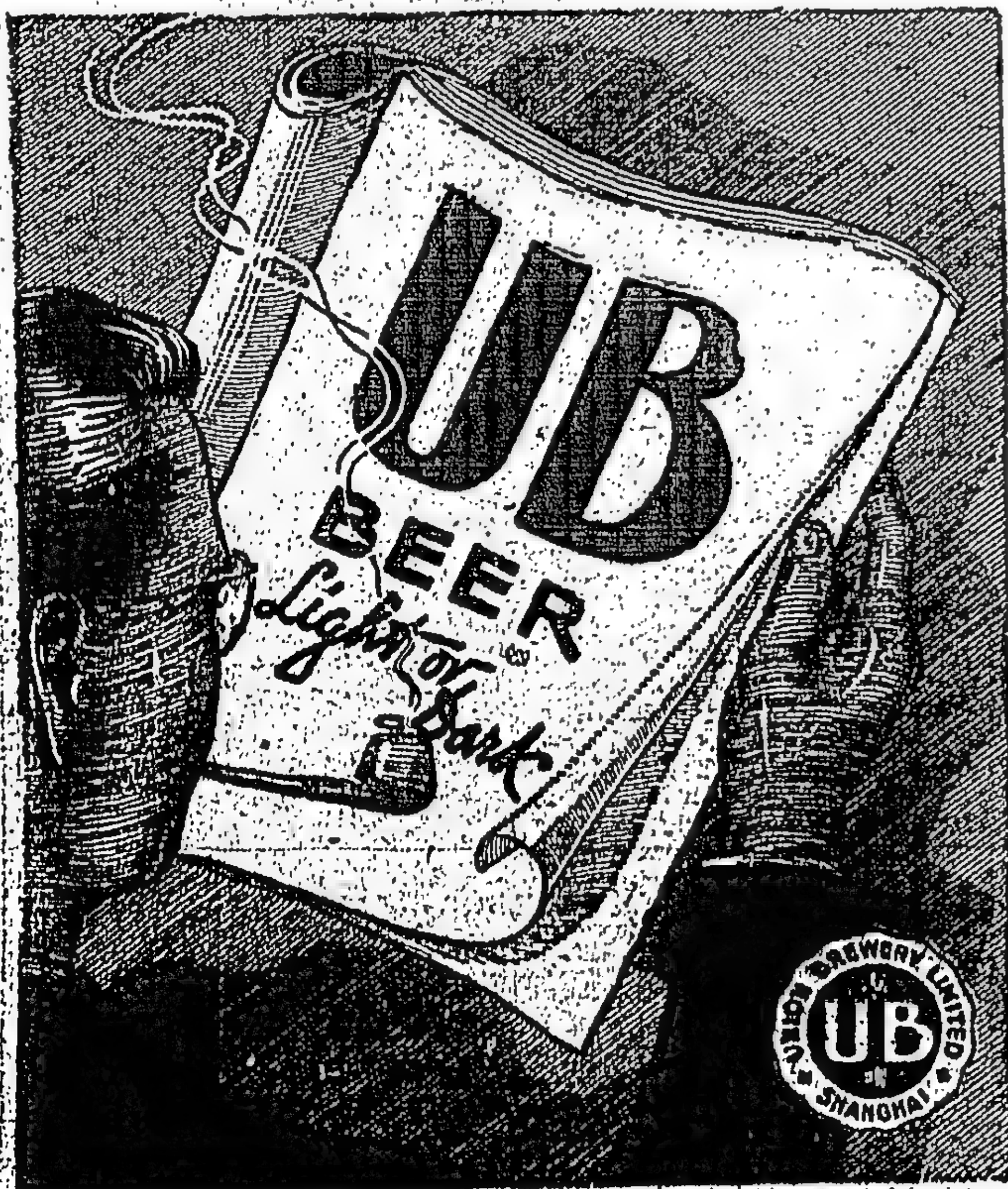
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"Indeed, Sir."

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BRAVE FEATS IN FIGHTING IN LIBYA

COOLNESS AND tenacity in the face of "sudden terrific and blinding showers of bombs" during an operation in the Middle East contributed to the award of the M.C. to 2/Lt. Alan Young, Royal Garwhal Rifles, Indian Army, whose exploit is described with others in a War Office bulletin.

"This officer," it is stated, "was in command of two platoons of his company which were ordered to attack by night an enemy position on Bald Hill spur. The position was found to be much stronger than thought and well wired in.

Nevertheless Young crawled through the wire to reconnoitre and directed the platoons to follow quietly. The enemy sangar was located and dispositions made to attack from the two sides.

"The left platoon was heard, however, and sudden terrific and blinding showers of bombs were hurled down on them, wounding all the section commanders and causing some confusion.

"The platoon on the right was simultaneously attacked from further sangars which had remained unlocated and the Italians commenced to rush the survivors and a critical situation developed.

Counter-Charge

Young, however, rose magnificently to the occasion, collected the jemadar and a few men of the right platoon and organised a counter-charge.

"He himself shot two enemy with his revolver, the jemadar bayoneted two more and further casualties were caused by bombs and machine-guns when they came into action. In the face of this determination the enemy incontinently fled.

"The platoons by then had had 20 casualties and were on a very exposed slope, being fired on by machine-gun and rifle fire from Bald Hill and Alagi Knoll.

In spite of this and although he himself was hit by small pieces of bombs, Young, in compliance with orders to attract as much enemy attention as possible, remained in the vicinity a further 45 minutes, firing a vast number of machine-gun posts which were shooting down on him. He his task completed in every detail.

"His skill, coolness, courage and determination were beyond all praise."

Halfaya Pass

Perilous operations at Halfaya Pass are also described in relation to the award of the M.C. to Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) J. R. C. White, Royal Artillery.

"Captain White was in command of a troop of anti-tank guns supporting the two forward companies of Colstream Guards in a rearguard position at the foot of Halfaya Pass on May 26, 1941.

"During the afternoon of the 26th and the morning of the 27th, when the enemy was attacking and his fire of all arms was heavy in this extremely open and overlooked position, this officer continually crossed the 2,000 yards of front in order to control his sections.

"In the actual withdrawal White held his position until very late and although the enemy were close, machine-gun fire heavy and several of his own men had been hit, he insisted on delaying in order to help the Guardsmen back on his own transport. This he continued to do right back to battalion headquarters.

"His courage and coolness set a fine example in a difficult situation and he undoubtedly saved many Guardsmen from being captured or becoming casualties."

M. M. For Private

Courage in the face of point-blank rifle and machine-gun fire gained the Military Medal for Private G. Stephens, Worcestershire Regiment.

"On May 5, during an attack on the Amba Alagi position, this soldier with another was selected to go forward to remove a knife-rest blockading the road going through enemy wire, so that his platoon could advance.

"The knife-rest and the approach of some 50 yards to it was in full view of the enemy position on a hill 300 yards away and was covered by his guns.

"Before he could reach the roadblock heavy fire from enemy machine-guns and snipers was opened on the road on the block itself. In spite of this Stephens and his companion succeeded in getting forward, cutting the wire and freeing the road block. — British Wireless.

VATICAN STRETCHES A POINT

IT WAS LEARNED FROM VATICAN CITY THAT THE SHORTAGE OF WOMEN'S STOCKINGS IN ITALY HAS CAUSED A MINOR REVOLUTION IN CATHOLIC TRADITIONS.

Yesterday the Vatican authorities permitted women to enter St. Peter's stockings.

The decision, which was based on the almost complete lack of stockings in Italy except for women who are able to pay exorbitant prices, probably will be applied to all Italian churches, says a Reuter message from Bern.

NEW STATION IN SHANGHAI

According to information from the British Embassy, a new radio station has been installed in Shanghai and will start broadcasting on September 15. The calling signal will be "XCDN" and the wave-length 25 metres. The programme will include news reports in Chinese and English. — Central News.

MR. TAYLOR EN ROUTE TO ROME

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA-MAIL"] Mr. Myron C. Taylor, special U.S. representative at the Vatican arrived by plane in Barcelona from Lisbon yesterday en route to resuming his duties in Rome. He conferred with Ambassadors Weddell of Spain and Leahy of France. — International News Service.

DENTZ TO WORK WITH DARLAN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA-MAIL"] According to the Vichy news agency General Dentz, defender of Syria, is expected in Marseilles tomorrow for "an important post in close association with Admiral Darlan." — International News Service.

ITALIAN REPORT

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA-MAIL"] According to the B.B.C., official comment is not available regarding the Italian report that British aircraft have been sent to Russia. The report, however, was not denied. — International News Service.

AMERICAN R.A.F. AVIATORS DROWNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Four American aviators lost their lives, while seven were rescued, when a ship carrying them to Britain was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic.

The eleven men were on the way to join the R.A.F. after training at R.A.F. centres in the U.S. and Canada. The survivors were brought to Scotland by a Polish warship. — International News Service.

BALANCE SHEET IN THE AIR

Royal Air Force losses in European zones last week showed a considerable drop compared to the several previous weeks although their western offensive continued unabated, it was stated in London yesterday.

Losses in western Europe and the Middle East last week were 38 Axis machines and 46 R.A.F. bombers.

Twenty-eight R.A.F. bombers failed to return from raids on Germany, occupied territory and attacks on shipping.

R.A.F. fighters destroyed 14 Messerschmitts for the loss of 11.

In the Middle East 20 Axis bombers and fighters were destroyed for the loss of seven R.A.F. machines.

On several sweeps fighter pilots reported Messerschmitts refused to fight and it appears that the Luftwaffe chief is trying to conserve pilots. — Reuter.

FOOCHOW RETURNING TO NORMAL

CONDITIONS IN FOOCHOW ARE GRADUALLY RETURNING TO NORMAL WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE CITY UNDER-WAY. FORMER RESIDENTS ARE RETURNING IN LARGE NUMBERS.

To relieve the acute shortage of food, the Fukien Provincial Food Bureau has sent a considerable quantity of rice for distribution among the refugees. The price of the staple is now quoted at \$160 per picul, which at the time of the fall of the city rose to as high as over \$1,000 per picul.

Communication on the Min River was restored yesterday when a ship left down river amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. Thousands of persons lined the banks of the river and cheered the departing vessel and fire-crackers were let off. — Central News.

FINNISH CLAIM

It is reported in Helsinki that the Finns are advancing to the north-east of Lake Ladoga and have reached Solovki. — International News Service.

A.R.P. ENQUIRY DISCLOSURES

(Continued from Page 1)

vious to that work like road building in Shing Mun and the filter beds in Shek Lap Pul.

In 1935 you had a contract to build the servants quarters at Queen Mary Hospital valued at \$95,000? — Yes.

Stanley Contract

And the same year they also had a contract to build the Indian and Chinese quarters at Stanley Prison? — Yes, valued at \$227,500.

After that what was the next job? — The Police Station at Takuling, valued at between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

And the next contract? — It was something to do with the playground at Queen Mary Hospital, valued at about \$2,000.

Would it be correct to say after completing the job at Stanley your firm got no more contracts from Government until you started making concrete blocks? — In the year 1940 we did some work in connection with No. 7 Police Station to the extent of something like \$20,000.

Was this before or after you had started making the concrete blocks? — Before.

Capt. Hobbs Mentioned

Well, apart from that you got no further contracts for major jobs until you started making concrete blocks? — Oh no, we put up a building in Telegraph Bay for \$19,800.

Well now, will you tell the Commission how you came to get the contract for making concrete blocks? — I sent a tender to Mr. Hobbs.

Capt Hobbs? — Yes. How did you know that tenders were being called? — A servant from Capt. Hobbs' office telephoned and asked me to call at the office for a tender form.

Phone Call

That was the first time you knew that the A.R.P. Department were calling for tenders for concrete blocks? — Yes.

You did not see an announcement in the Chinese papers? — I don't remember, but I think not.

Do you know why your firm came to be favoured by Capt. Hobbs' department? — We were invariably informed by them whenever any tenders were being called.

Who informed you? — Somebody from Capt. Hobbs' office phoned up while I was out. On my return one of my folks gave me the message.

Having got this message, did you go? — Oh yes.

And when you got there who did you see? — I saw Capt. Hobbs.

Did you speak in English to him? — Yes.

What did you say? — He spoke to me and said that some cement concrete blocks were to be made. I was shown a plan and some specifications.

In English? — Yes.

Size Of Blocks

Do you read English? — A little. You knew the specifications? — Yes.

What were they? — I remember it was 112 lb. cement, 2½ c.ft. sand and 5 c.ft. small stones. These were the ingredients for making the blocks.

You sent in a tender, you say? — Yes.

Was the size of the blocks mentioned? — Yes. It was 17½ x 8½ x 8½.

Was that in writing, or was that told to you verbally? — It was in writing. I have got the paper here.

Witness then produced a slip of paper which was handed up.

48 Cents A Block

In reply to the Chairman, witness said that the instructions he received to make the concrete blocks were in writing. Witness produced the documents, which gave the specifications, accompanied by a plan.

The Chairman: — What price did your firm quote? — I sent in three or four tenders. The final price agreed upon was 48 cents per block.

Witness added that at first the price was 42½ cents per block, later 43 cents per block, and finally increased according to the conditions in each case which required the blocks to be supplied within certain periods and transportation charges.

Contract Terms

The terms of the contract in which the price was 48 cents per block were that work commenced three weeks after receiving order and that blocks be supplied six weeks after the work had commenced. A daily delivery of 2,000 blocks was one of the other terms.

The Chairman: — Has the work been completed yet? — Yes, a little over a month ago.

When was it started? — On October 4, 1940, but the actual making of blocks did not begin until after the laying out of the moulds.

And you finished the work a month ago? — Yes.

How many blocks in all have you made for the A.R.P. Department? — 425,000.

Two Further Contracts

At 48 cents each? — Yes. Delivery ex-workshop? — Yes. Government paid for transportation to the workshop? — Yes.

Questioned further, witness said that the late Capt. Hobbs gave instructions that 500 blocks would have to be supplied daily after the first three weeks, and 2,000 daily after six weeks up to the maximum of 250,000 blocks.

Witness also disclosed that he received two further contracts for concrete blocks.

Saw Capt. Hobbs

The Chairman: — How did you come to obtain these two further contracts? — From Mr. Pearce.

You did not approach the P.W.D. for it? — No.

Witness disclosed that as in the other instances he received a letter about the matter.

The Chairman: — When you got the letter instructing you to go and see somebody at the P.W.D., who did you go and see? — Captain Hobbs.

What did you tell him? — I told him that I received a letter asking me to supply 100,000 concrete blocks.

What did he say? — He said "very well, carry on with it."

Witness continued that after this lot was completed he again received a letter asking for a second lot, and as in the previous case he went and saw Captain Hobbs who gave the same answer, "Very well, carry on with it."

The Chairman: — Before you received the order did your firm make any concrete blocks? — No, never.

Was there anyone in your firm who had any experience of making blocks? — Yes, a foreman.

What is his name? — Ng Ho.

Where does he live? — In Sham-shulpo.

Testing Blocks

How much do you pay him? — \$60 a month, food and travelling expenses.

Witness, however, disclosed that the foreman had experience in making concrete blocks for rooftops but not in the special kind the A.R.P. Department used.

The Chairman: — The specifications in the letter signed by Captain Hobbs say that the Company should bear the cost of testing the blocks? — Yes.

Have you ever been called upon by the P.W.D. to bear the cost of testing the blocks? — Never.

Do you know whether any blocks were tested by the P.W.D.? — Yes.

When? — Every Monday morning the blocks were to be carried to the P.W.D.

Do you know whether they were actually tested? — I've heard that the blocks were taken to be tested to the Green Island Cement Works.

You personally have never seen them tested? — Never.

Complaints

In reply to the Chairman witness said at first there were complaints that the blocks were not satisfactory by Captain Hobbs and it was discovered that the blocks were taken away before they had been submerged in water for two weeks after being completed.

The Chairman: — Where do you make the blocks? — At North Point.

You have a yard there? — Yes.

Did you have this yard before making the blocks? — No.

So the position in this when you obtained the tender you had no facilities to make the blocks? — Captain Hobbs said that a vacant piece of ground would be given to the successful tender at the Army Ordnance Office. Later I was told by Captain Hobbs

that the vacant ground was not available since it had been given over to Sang Lee.

On Crown Land

So you got your own? — No. I told Captain Hobbs that since no ground was supplied I was not prepared to supply the blocks at 48 cents each. He told me to look out for a vacant piece of ground myself, and as a result he obtained a piece of ground for me.

Crown Land? — Yes. Captain Hobbs got it for you? — Yes.

So I am correct in saying that your firm and Sang Lee had no facilities to make the blocks before you obtained the tenders? Sang Lee and your firm, neither of which knew anything of making concrete blocks and were given large contracts to make the blocks, also had no experience? — Yes.

Yes, and Captain Hobbs knew all the time that the Concrete Products — a firm who specialises in making these blocks — offered the whole amount of blocks at 38 cents each and for a bigger size of block. Have you any comment to make on that? — I do not know why.

Not Surprised

Are you surprised to hear that? — No I am not.

The Chairman: — Well, you are the only man in this room who isn't.

The Chairman: — In this tender signed by Captain Hobbs it says you must supply quotations for 250,000 concrete blocks to be delivered from workshops in Hong Kong and Kowloon and that the addresses of the workshops be supplied with the tender? — Yes.

Did you supply the P.W.D. with the addresses? — I did not.

Why not? Is not the answer that it was because you had none? — Before sending in our tender we were informed that the successful tender would be given a piece of ground on a site at the Army Ordnance Office. Captain Hobbs knew that I had no ground for I told him that I could not carry on.

\$20,000 Profit

The Chairman: — How much did your firm make out of the contract? — A net profit of \$20,000.

Do your firm keep books? — Yes.

Will you produce all those with entries concerning the blocks? — Yes.

Are you doing any other contracts for Government? — Yes, the Emergency Oil Stores.

What is the value of that contract? — \$51,600.

How did you get it? — Tenders were sent to the C.S.O.

Did you see Captain Hobbs about it? — Yes, he gave me the particulars with which I filled in the forms.

How long have you known him? — About a year after his arrival in Hong Kong.

Cost Of Moulds

Six or seven years? — Yes. Roughly how much did your moulds cost your firm? — Wooden ones, \$4 each and iron ones between \$5 and \$8 each.

Don't you know the total cost? — Some \$15,000.

What did you intend to do with them? — They are useless.

Are they calculated in your \$20,000 profit? — Yes.

Witness was instructed to return to-morrow with his books when the Inquiry resumes at 9.30 a.m. in the Puisne Judge's Court.

TUNNEL CLOSED

THE A.R.P. TUNNEL OPPOSITE THE NAVAL HOSPITAL HAS BEEN CLOSED.

Mr. H. J. Pearce, Acting Director of Public Work, told the "China Mail" that thieves were continually stealing from these tunnels and it was decided as a temporary measure to block the entrances with light granite blocks. These blocks, Mr. Pearce explained, could be broken down in the course of a few minutes should be necessary arise.



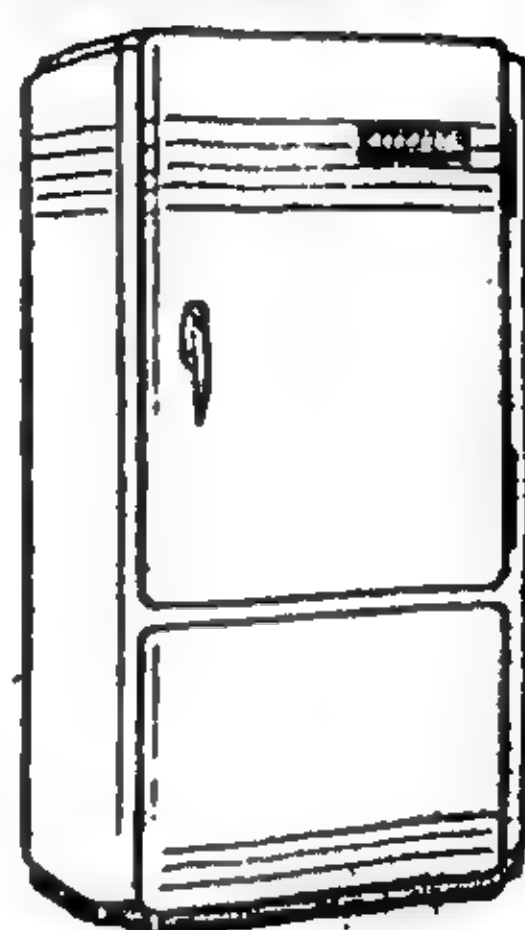
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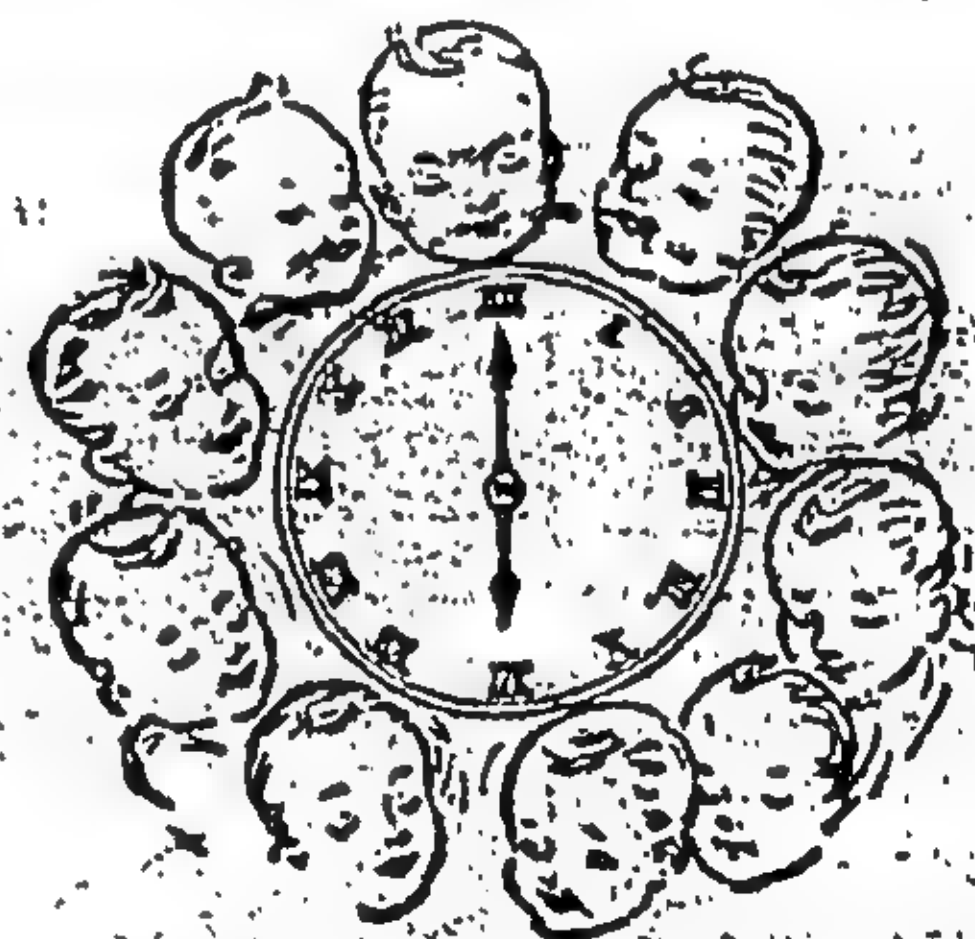
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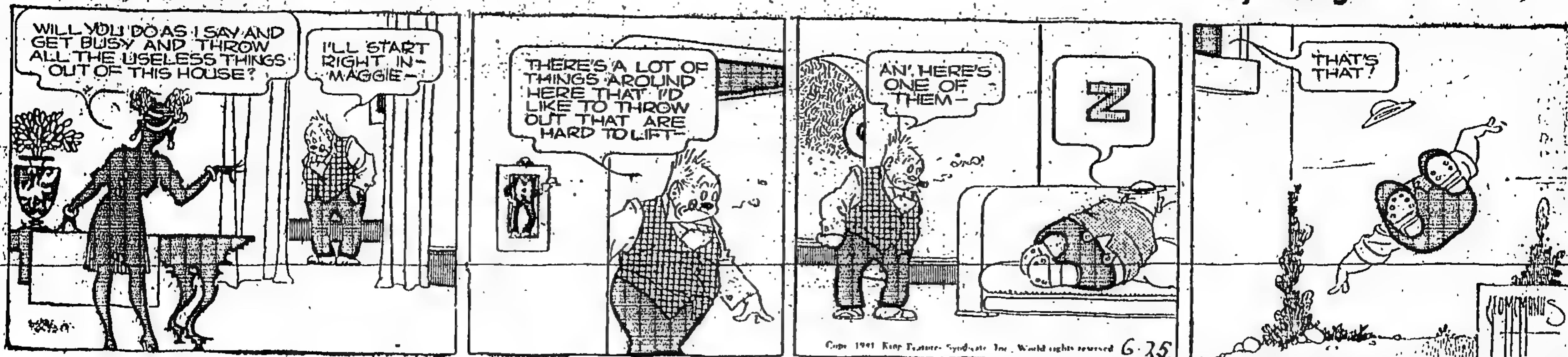
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Grace Is Charm's Counterpart

Charm and grace go hand in hand. In almost every instance a woman of outstanding charm has grace of movement, poise and alluring posture. So the girl or woman who is seeking that subtle beauty asset called "charm," must learn how to walk gracefully, develop a serenity which is called poise, and learn the art of appropriate and pretty gesture.

Dancing is one of the best ways of acquiring grace of movement. It trains the body to move rhythmically, free of self-consciousness. Relaxation helps greatly too. No woman can hope to be alluring if her muscles are taut and if she sits and walks and speaks with tension. One's mind must be relaxed as well as one's body so she who learns to relax at will has taken a lasting step toward being charming.

The woman who is seeking charm should be conscious also of her posture, but she must never strike deliberate poses. If she learns to stand and sit and walk in good posture, habit will soon carry her gracefully through all situations.

Hand gestures are used in conversation only when needed, and they must flow with the same grace which dancing teaches. The woman who talks with her hands, instead of with her tongue and eyes, is a bore. Other people get awfully tired of watching her hands fly about and listening to her bracelets jingle. The layman may learn to use gestures becomingly by watching a most accomplished actress — one who makes every gesture count and no waste effort is displayed to the audience.



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Good Health Key To All

And now a word about the basic foundation of charm, which is good health. A clear voice, attractive skin and hair and easy movement are not possible to possess if one's vitality is impaired by malnutrition, worry or other illness. I cannot stress this too strongly, for I urge all women to keep healthy. I am convinced health is the only road to happiness and success in life. Of course, when an incurable illness strikes we must bear it as bravely as possible, but even then we should strive to conquer it.

Women who write me they are nervous, timid, morose, jealous, terribly tired or horribly self-conscious, are not healthy women. Something is dragging them down, and before any beauty is possible those women must again attain good health. No cosmetic can supplement what poor health destroys. Cosmetics do enhance one's beauty, and they are a blessing during a convalescent period, but they cannot substitute for good health.

I once asked the most charming woman I have ever met this question: "How can you do so much so graciously?" She smiled her thanks for the compliment and said, "I was blessed with good health and because I consider it a blessing direct from heaven I have cherished it and nursed it. It has helped me through every trying situation in life and has given me great vitality."

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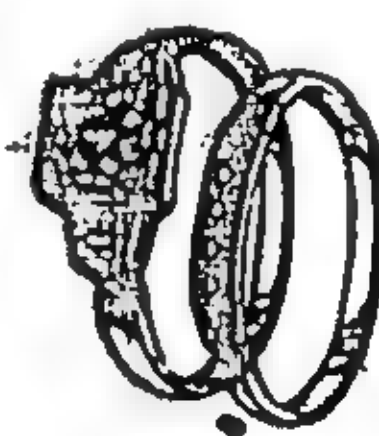
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Jack Harris and His Orch. Fox-Trots—Desert Song (White). Plain Jane (Phillips). Quick-Step—The Blackbird—Hop (North—Burnaby). The Palais Stroll (Black-Remy). Fox-Trots—Cry, Baby, Cry (Eaton & Shand). In Santa Margherita (Morrow—Schier). Fox-Trot—Glamour Girl (Strauss—Dale).

One-Step—Amazon Goca A-Weonig (Phillips). Waltz—The Girl in The Alice Blue Gown (Parker).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Frances Langford and Tony Martin in Variety. Vocal—Long Ago and Far Away (From film "Three Cheers For Love").

It's Like Reaching For The Moon (Lewis-Sherman). Frances Langford with Orch. Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R.10.

Intro: I'm In The Mood For Love; Everything's Been Done Before; Dancing Time; In The Middle Of A Kiss; Check To Check; My Blue Heaven. Charlie Kunz. Vocal—Fools Rush In (Bloom—Mercer). The Creaking Old Mill On The Creek (Lewis, Stock).

Sony Martin with Orchestra. Organ—Dixon Request Medley—Intro: I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside; Blaze Away; Who Were You With Last Night; If You Were The Only Girl In The World; Teddy Bears Picnic; Down At The Old Bull and Bush; Just A Fee Dooch and Doris; She's A Lassie From Lan-Cashire; I Do Like To Be Beside The Sea-Side.

Reginald Dixon. Vocal—There's A Lull In My Life (From film "Wake Up and Live"—Gordon). Ruth Etting with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.46 p.m.—A Moskowski Programme. Guitare. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano.

From Foreign Lands. State Opera Orchestra. Caprice Espagnol. Silken Jove (Piano solo). Serenata, Op. 15 No. 1. Richard Tauber (Tenor) w. Orch. Moskowski Dances, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5.

The Blue Hungarian Band. 2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme. 6.46 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Half An Hour Of Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—My Sister And I. Do You Believe In Fairy Tales (From film "Pot O' Gold"). Leo Reisman and His Orch.

Fox-Trot—I Cover The Waterfront. Rumba—Marinela. Artie Shaw and His Orch. Fox-Trots—Simpatica.

Amarillo (Boh from film "They Met In Argentina"). Leo Reisman and His Orch. Waltz—Purple Hills Of Hawaii. Harry Owens and His Royal Hawaiians.

Fox-Trots—Sissy. Pop Corn Man. Milt Herth Trio.

7.17 p.m.—Variety Programme. Orchestral—Drury Lane Pantomime Memories—Intro: Ask A Policeman—1869; Gilt Yer 'Airs Cut—1891; What Is The Use Of Loving A Girl—1903; Oh, The Business—1903; Hitchh. Koo—1912; Who Were You With Last Night—1912; Mysterious Rag—1912; Oh! You Beautiful Doll—1912; My Boy—1913; My Southern Maid—1913.

Columbia Light Opera Company w. Orch. Humorous—Tennis.

WODEHOUSE ON WARNED GERMAN RADIO AGAINST GIRL, 16

MR. P. G. WODEHOUSE, ENGLISH AUTHOR FREED BY THE GERMANS FROM A CIVILIAN INTERNMENT CAMP AND NOW LIVING IN A BERLIN HOTEL, IS TO BROADCAST HIS EXPERIENCES TO THE UNITED STATES ONCE A WEEK.

"General chats entirely non-political," he explained in an interview.

"I'm quite unable to work up any kind of belligerent feeling—really. Just as I'm about to feel belligerent about some country I meet a decent sort of chap. We go out together and lose any fighting thoughts or feelings.

Clapham and Dwyer. Vocal and Banjo—Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! What A Silly Place To Kiss A Girl.

Tessie O'Shea with Orchestra. Comedian—Knitting (Taylor). Arthur Askey with Piano.

Orchestral—Accordeon Nights—Medley. Geraldo and His Accordeon Band. Comedians—Blacking Out The Flat. Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch.

Vocal—Everyone Must Have A Sweetheart (Noel, Hart). Proud Of You (David). Elsie Carlisle with Orch.

Piano—Marta Eggerth Film Melodies—Selection. Fred Stein.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post." Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Dvorak Centenary Programme.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

9.05 p.m.—Puccini's "La Tosca" Act 2. Singers in order of appearance: Apollo Granforte (Baritone); Giovanni Azzimonti (Bass); Nelo Palai (Tenor); Carmen Mellis (Soprano); Piero Palai (Tenor), with Orchestra of La Scala, Milan.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Negro Spirituals. I'm Going To Tell God All O' My Troubles (arr. Brown). Deep River (Burleigh).

Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano. Were You Dere? (arr. Edna Thomas).

Little Wheel A-Turning In My Heart; Keep A-Inchin' Along. Edna Thomas (Soprano) with Piano.

I Stood On De Ribber; Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells (Burleigh). Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Chopin Sonata in B Flat Minor, Op. 35.

1st Mov.: Grave—Doppio movimento. 2nd Mov.: Scherzo—March Funebre (Lento).

3rd Mov.: Marche funebre (Lento)—Conclusion—Finale. Percy Grainger (Piano solo).

10.35 p.m.—The Light Symphony. Orchestra and Nancy Evans (Soprano). May Day Overture (Haydn Wood). Light Symphony Orch.

Mountain Lovers (Weatherley—Squire). Nancy Evans with Orchestra. Dear Isle Of Man (Haydn Wood).

Light Symphony Orchestra. Land Of Hope And Glory (Arthur Benson—Edward Elgar). Nancy Evans (Soprano) and Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

11.00 p.m.—London—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

11.15 p.m.—Close Down.

Warning not to persist in his offer to marry a girl in the dock, was given to a young N.C.O. by the Recorder at Poole Quarter Sessions.

Addressing Dorothy Edith Stevens, 16, of Parkstone, a good-looking, smartly-dressed girl stated to be engaged to a Royal Artillery sergeant, the Recorder said:

"I have received a letter from a man who wishes marry you and accept responsibility for your future behaviour.

"In my opinion it would be quite a lamentable thing.

N.C.O. Quits Court

"It seems that you show little disposition or character fitting you for marriage with any man, however, deserving or gallant the man might be, and I advise him to put these ideas out of his mind."

Stevens was charged with another girl, Patience Turner, 17, of Rosemary Road, Newtown, Poole, with breach of recognisances.

Both girls were sentenced to three years' Borstal detention.

Stevens had to be forcibly removed from the dock.

A young Army sergeant immediately left the court.

ASKED HIM, WAVE TO PRINCESS

The Mayor of Warwick, chief citizen of one of England's most ancient boroughs, was asked to wave to the Princess Royal instead of officially receiving her.

He was to stand on the steps of the Court House as the Princess drove past on her way to the local Red Cross headquarters.

Alderman A. Tandy said at a meeting of Warwick Town Council:

"If this is true, and I believe it is, I say deliberately that the very idea is disgusting."

"An Insult"

The Mayor, Councillor G. M. Nelson, said: "I was told I could be there, but I should not be presented to the Princess. That was all. My feeling was that it was not right, so I did not attend."

Alderman Tandy added that whoever was responsible—it might be some regional officer or other official—should be pulled up. Such an omission was an insult to the Mayor.

Alderman H. N. Forbes, county honorary secretary of the Red Cross and St. John Association, said: "Nobody regrets it more than I, but we were working to official instructions."

Alderman Tandy: That's the trouble—some official outside Warwick.

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SUN CASTLE WINS

"Earliest with the Latest"

U.M. OMAR CARRIES OFF PREMIER LEAGUE SKIPS' CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 1941

As Craigengower have only two more matches to play and E. W. Bradbury is now five points behind U. M. Omar, the latter has won the First Division Skips' championship, a feat he performed in 1936 and 1937.

Following is the record of the skips in the First and Third Divisions of the League:—

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Shots	Shots	Pts.
								F.	A.	
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	16	16	0	0	410	235	175	0	32	
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	16	13	1	2	400	276	124	0	27	
C. S. Rossetti (C.C.C.)	14	11	0	3	350	214	136	0	22	
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	16	11	0	5	346	286	60	0	22	
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	15	10	1	4	323	274	49	0	21	
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	16	10	1	5	353	256	97	0	21	
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	16	10	0	6	327	280	47	0	20	
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	15	9	0	6	301	293	8	0	18	
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	16	8	1	7	342	266	76	0	17	
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	13	8	0	5	289	232	57	0	16	
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	16	8	0	8	326	337	0	11	16	
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B")	13	7	1	5	287	258	29	0	15	
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	11	6	2	3	224	202	22	0	14	
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	16	7	0	9	297	333	0	36	14	
H. A. Alves (Recreio "A")	7	6	0	1	179	110	69	0	12	
A. M. Calman (K.D.R.C.)	8	6	0	2	177	155	22	0	12	
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	10	6	0	4	204	187	17	0	12	
A. P. Guterres (Rec. "B")	11	6	0	5	210	209	1	0	12	
J. F. V. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")	5	5	0	0	136	65	71	0	10	
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	10	5	0	5	188	174	14	0	10	
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	16	5	0	11	263	362	0	99	10	
N. J. Bebbington (K.C.C.)	9	3	2	4	167	180	0	13	8	
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	184	198	0	14	8	
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	14	4	0	10	241	288	0	47	8	
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	9	3	1	5	174	187	0	13	7	
C. Roza Pereira (Recreio "A")	3	3	0	0	65	44	21	0	6	
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	6	3	0	3	110	104	6	0	6	
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	9	2	2	5	161	206	0	45	6	
M. Ferguson (K.D.R.C.)	10	3	0	7	175	212	0	37	6	
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C. "B")	10	3	0	7	168	235	0	68	6	
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	12	2	1	9	200	266	0	66	5	
W. Hollands (P.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	51	32	19	0	4	
P. A. Peckham (K.B.G.C. "B")	4	2	0	2	67	70	0	3	4	
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	73	84	0	11	4	
J. Fraser (K.G.O.)	7	1	2	4	109	140	0	31	4	
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	2	0	7	145	209	0	64	4	
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	92	104	0	12	3	
C. A. Lopes (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	32	9	23	0	2	
F. V. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")	1	1	0	0	27	12	15	0	2	
F. Nolan (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	26	20	6	0	2	
A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio "B")	1	1	0	0	20	19	1	0	2	
J. E. Noronha (Recreio "B")	2	1	0	1	34	31	3	0	2	
J. S. Landolt (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	38	42	0	4	2	
W. J. Burling (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	37	45	0	8	2	
L. J. Silva (Recreio "B")	2	1	0	1	21	40	0	19	2	
J. W. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	40	76	0	36	2	
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	1	0	3	62	92	0	30	2	
H. Lockhart (K.B.G.C. "B")	5	1	0	4	84	108	0	24	2	
T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	73	180	0	107	2	
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	8	1	0	7	139	177	0	38	2	
C. C. Pereira (Recreio "B")	1	0	0	1	14	21	0	7	0	
J. C. Gill (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	14	23	0	9	0	
W. McNeill (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	11	29	0	18	0	
J. C. Remedios (Recreio "B")	1	0	0	1	5	41	3	36	0	
C. M. Silva (Recreio "B")	2	0	0	2	35	47	0	12	0	
W. R. Millier (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	29	42	0	13	0	
A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio "B")	2	0	0	2	30	52	0	22	0	
H. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	22	50	0	28	0	
W. Greig (K.D.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	23	60	0	37	0	
L. Sykes (K.B.G.C. "B")	4	0	0	4	66	92	0	26	0	
G. S. Sheriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	4	0	0	4	64	95	0	31	0	
E. W. Simmonds (C.S.C.C.)	4	0	0	4	57	111	0	54	0	
E. Souza (Recreio "B")	5	0	0	5	78	117	0	39	0	

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Shots	Shots	Pts.
								F.	A.	
J. C. Altken (P.R.C.)	13	11	1	1	329	190	139	0	23	
H. Ogden (K.F.C.)	13	10	0	3	292	222	70	0	20	
S. M. Rumiann (I.R.C.)	15	9	1	5	317	275	42	0	19	
C. Wallis (K.B.G.C.)	12	9	0	3	271	187	84	0	18	
M. W. Wahab (I.R.C.)	14	9	0	5	286	248	38	0	18	
H. Nish (K.B.G.C.)	15	8	1	6	318	274	44	0	17	
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	13	7	1	5	281	205	56	0	15	
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	11	6	1	4	217	185	32	0	13	
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	10	6	0	4	253	184	69	0	12	
A. J. Ouelho (C.C.C.)	13	6	0	7	232	245	0	13	12	
G. S. Grayer (H.K.F.C.)	13	6	1	6	261	274	0	13	11	
K. O. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	8	5	0	3	169	149	20	0	10	
J. Raitor (H.K.F.C.)	8	5	0	3	159	161	0	2	10	
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	9	5	0	4	187	178	9	0	10	
B. A. Mansell (H.K.F.C.)	13	5	0	8	245	251	0	6	10	
P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	19	5	0	10	261	338	0	77	10	
L. A. Jordan (K.B.G.C.)	7	4	0	3	145	135	10	0	8	
M. F. Alarcon (Recreio)	7	4	0	3	135	143	0	8	8	
L. de Rome (H.K.F.C.)	8	4	0	4	157	160	0	3	8	
J. F. Lunny (H.K.F.C.)	10	4	0	6	162	215	0	53	8	
E. S. Abraham (H.K.F.C.)	11	4	0	7	198	223	0	30	8	
A. G. Saffad (I.R.C.)	3	3	0	0	71	46	25	0	6	
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	4	3	0	1	83	83	0	0	6	
A. G. Gardner (H.K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	99	81	18	0	6	
P. S. Cassidy (H.K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	94	86	8	0	6	
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	6	3	0	3	98	93	5	0	6	
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	3	86	99	0	15	6	
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	3	130	123	7	0	6	
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	8	3	0	5	138	143	0	7	6	
A. McKellar (H.K.F.C.)	10	3	0	7	160	224	0	64	6	
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	30	20	0	4	
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	75	62	13	0	4	
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	62	54	8	0	4	
M. Mendonca (Recreio)	3	2	0	1	59	54	5	0	4	
P. J. A. Hamilton (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	88	66	22	0	4	
A. Nissim (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	76	85	0	19	4	
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	64	90	0	28	4	
M. F. Pinna (Recreio)	8	2	0	6	140	188	0	48	4	
J. K. Blain (H.K.F.C.)	9	2	0	7	163	218	0	55	4	
H. M. Xavier (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	31	11	20	0	2	
C. W. Lam (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	12	14	0	2	
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	29	11	11	0	2	
W. A. Cornall (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	19	0	0	2	
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	10	4	0	2	
B. J. Lacom (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	10	4	0	2	
C. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2	
T. C. Monaghan (H.K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	27	8	0	2	
E. S. Frank (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	40	33	7	0	2	



"Young" Aromin, holder of the Colony featherweight belt, who has not had a fight for over a year, will probably be seen in action on October 3, at the Star Theatre, when it is likely he will meet the Army champion, Pte. Noble, over 10 rounds in a programme in aid of the Bomber Fund.

CHINESE INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING?

Encouraged by the very successful manner in which V.R.C. organised the recent Inter-School Swimming Gala, Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union are contemplating holding a similar gala for all Chinese schools in the Colony on Sunday, September 28, providing sufficient support is forthcoming.

Invitations have already been sent to various Chinese schools.

No competitor will be allowed to take part in more than three individual events for his or her team.

Following is the proposed programme:—

BOYS'	BOYS'
50 Metres free-style; 100 Metres free-style; 400 Metres free-style; 100 Metres back-stroke; 200 Metres breast-stroke and 130 Metres Medley Relay.	50 Metres free-style; 100 Metres free-style; 400 Metres free-style; 100 Metres back-stroke; 200 Metres breast-stroke; 200 Metres free-style relay (four girls) and 150 Metres Medley Relay.

QUADRANGULAR AQUATIC GALA

Lai Tsun Swimming Union are organising a quadrangular swimming gala in aid of British and Chinese War Charities to be held at Chinese Y.M.C.A. on either September 18 or 19.

Sing Tao, Eastern Victoria Recreation Club and Lai Tsun are

L. E. Lamport (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	32	3	0	2
M. R. Pinna (Recreio)	2	1	0	1	35	42	0	6	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	57	58	0	1	2
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	44	65	0	21	2
S. H. Strange (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	78	0	27	2
R. C. Butler (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	66	80	0	14	2
C. Downman (K.F.C.)	6	1	0	4	95	131	0	38	2
T. Ferguson (K.F.C.)	6	1	0	5	103	121	0	18	2
Y. Abbas (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	18	0	4	0
E. A. Atkin (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	21	0	5	0
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	21	0	5	0
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	5	0
F. K. Modli (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	18	20	0	11	0
M. Gutierrez (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	18	28	0	13	0
U. A. Rumiann (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	27	0	14	0
R. A. Edwards (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	23	0
A. F. Noronha (Recreio)	2	0	0	2	32	38	0	6	0
G. E. Fuller (K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
G. H. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	24	45	0	21	0
A. S. Mitchell (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	24	45	0	21	0
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	27	0	14	0
G. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	23	0
A. F. Paul (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	23	0

1941 LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OPENS THIS EVENING

THE 1941 COLONY LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP GETS UNDER WAY THIS EVENING, 14 MATCHES BEING DOWN FOR DECISION.

The champion, M. N. Rakusen, will not be playing until Wednesday, but L. A. Gutierrez, winner in 1932, and B. W. Bradbury, 1938 holder, are ex-champions who will be on view to-day.

MADAR AND ABBAS IN I.R.C. FINAL

The semi-final of Indian R.C. lawn bowls pairs championship, between A. H. Madar and M. R. Abbas against M. I. Razack and A. R. Minu, was decided yesterday when the former won 15-11, over 15 ends.

The final of the rinks competition, between rinks led by Abbas and A. M. Wahab, which was to have been played last Friday, was postponed until a date to be announced later.

"YOUNGSTERS" WIN AT HONGKONG C.C.

In a one rink lawn bowls game at Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday, "Youngsters" (S. L. Lloyd, R. Young, H. F. Shields and T. C. Monaghan) beat "Oldsters" (J. Owen-Hughes, L. E. N. Ryan, E. S. Doughty and P. S. Cassidy) by 30-19.

The winners, led 15-6 at the 9th, scored 2 5 3 4 1 0 5 1 to lead 27-16 at the 17th.

The losers had to make a contribution to the Bomber Fund.

C.C.C. BOWLS RESULTS

Following are the latest Craigengower Cricket Club lawn bowls results:

RINKS COMPETITION

First Round:—L. M. Roza, Y. Abbas, H. W. Randall and J. S. Landolt (skip) beat V. A. Itenson, G. S. Ladd, M. J. Medina and R. Basa (skip); Second Round:—W. E. Broadbridge, A. E. S. Alves, W. Ward and A. E. Coates (skip) beat J. H. Xavier, R. K. Pavri, D. A. Rozario and L. C. R. Souza (skip); S. R. Solina, M. A. Baptista, W. J. Howard and B. W. Bradbury (skip) beat C. W. Lam, Li Sul-wing, E. Zimmerman and W. K. Way (skip).

PAIRS COMPETITION

First Round:—W. E. Broadbridge and D. A. Rozario beat A. K. Ismail and R. Basa.

RIGGS WINS TITLE

Bobby Riggs won the American lawn tennis men's singles championship at Forest Hills, beating Kovacs 5-7, 6-1, 6-3 and 6-3.

Kovacs went completely to pieces at the beginning of the second set and never regained his form in the face of the determined and methodical Riggs, who was becoming sturdier minute by minute and did not lose a service ace in the last three sets.

In five times that he served in the last set Riggs conceded only two points.

It was one of the most one-sided Finals in history. —Router.

Two matches in the Open Basketball League will be played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-night. V.R.C. will meet Wah Kiu and Bank Union will be up against Chinese "Y".

Saturday's Sports

Due to the Manning Exercise, the sports programme was very much curtailed on Saturday, although the little that we had included two upsets. In the Lawn Bowls League, one in First Division, where Indian Recreation Club, playing at home, only Rereolo "A" have beaten them at Sookunpoo — beat Craigengower Cricket Club, who had, however, already won the championship and were, therefore, not affected by the loss of the points.

In this game U. M. Omar completed his "double" over A. R. Dallah whom he beat for the second time in the League. It will be recalled that when Indians played Craigengower for the first time this season, three weeks ago at the Valley, it was Omar's win over Dallah that gave Craigengower the match by 3 shots. Incidentally, as a result of his latest win, Omar has assured himself of the title of Champion Skip for the season, an honour that is 100 per cent. deserved for consistently good form.

POLICE Recreation Club, who are in the running for Third Division honours, had a rude shock when they were beaten in their Third Division

away match against Craigengower, and though they still have two matches in hand, they will not be able to afford any more reverses if they are to carry off honours for the season.

U.S. NAVY came through with flying colours when they beat Hong Kong All-Stars in the fourth of

their five-game charity series to knot the count at 2-games all. It was a good game that had to go four extra innings before a decision could be reached, and the crowded stand was very appreciative of the fare served up to them.

I noticed that five or six of the lady spectators in the grandstand kept score books of their own, and were following the game with the keenest interest. It came as a surprise that members of the fair sex were so interested in baseball.

VALLEY GOLF ENTRIES

Entries received up-to-date for the Valley Golf Championship, to be played on September 14, are as follows:—

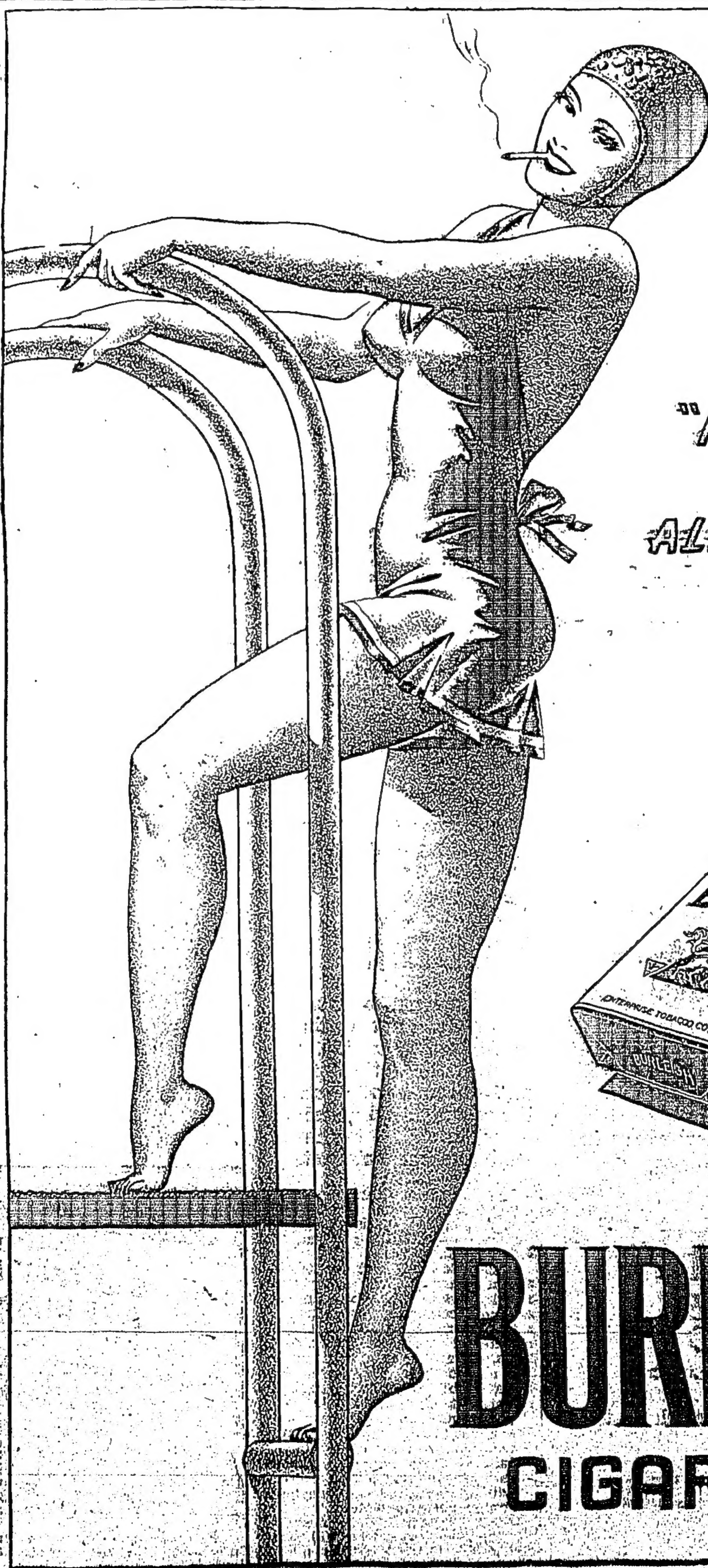
H. H. Mundy and K. S. Robertson, D. Wass and G. E. Willerton, A. J. Dennis and F. C. Barry, T. B. Low and R. K. Collings, M. A. Othman and W. Stoker, R. M. Keown and N. J. Bebbington, G. T. Lowry and A. V. Greaves, G. W. Sewell and J. Linaker, N. J. Booker and J. M. Thomson, W. J. Buller and A. E. Clark, C. Milne and J. D. Thomson, T. J. Price and H. N. Williamson, R. McEwen and R. Ellis.

The pairings are merely for starting times.

THE Police-Kwong Wah football match at Boundary Street, which the latter won 7-2, was more in the nature of a practice than anything else, and while Kwong Wah forwards showed themselves to be a smooth-working line, Police attackers were wanting in more ways than one.

Two bathing galas, one at Chung Shing and the other at Chinese Civil Service Bathing Club, were held, and though nothing outstanding took place, Ng Nin showed that he is still a force to be reckoned with by winning, at the Chung Shing gala, the 200 Metres freestyle quite comfortably in 2 mins. 37 secs.

W. E. L.



BURLEIGH CIGARETTES

MRS. ROOSEVELT DEAD

President's Mother Passes At Age Of 87

ROOSEVELT BROADCAST POSTPONED

President Roosevelt's broadcast, scheduled to take place to-day, has been postponed until Thursday, according to a report by the Columbia Broadcasting System, says a Reuter message from New York.

U.S.A. AND THE GREER ATTACK

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
Whether the United States will make a strong diplomatic protest to Germany against the submarine attack on the United States destroyer, Greer, could not be ascertained from the State Department in Washington yesterday.

The view is that if there is going to be a protest it will be largely for purposes of record inasmuch as Germany has charged the Greer with being the aggressor. It is presumed that President Roosevelt will air the sentiments of the United States in his world broadcast on Thursday.—International News Service.

Spent Childhood In Hong Kong

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S mother is dead. The President and his wife spent Saturday night at his mother's bedside and were with her when she died at 11.15 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

She had been unconscious for 12 hours following what the family physician, Dr. Scott Smith, called "an acute circulatory collapse due principally to advanced age."

The first intimation of this development came on Friday night but Mrs. Roosevelt's condition did not become alarming until late on Saturday.

The funeral, to be held at Hyde Park to-morrow, will be private.

The old lady spent most of the summer in her cottage on Campo Bello Island, New Brunswick. She left there for Hyde Park on August 31.

White House officials are unable to say whether as a result of his mother's death, President Roosevelt's broadcast due to-day will be cancelled, deferred or delivered at the scheduled time.

If the latter course is adopted the broadcast would come from Hyde Park instead of Washington.

Childhood In Hong Kong

The late Mrs. Sara Roosevelt was the wife of James Roosevelt, fourth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1938 she met the King and Queen during their stay at Hyde Park, residence of the President and his wife, while Their Majesties were on a tour of Canada and the United States.

Born in 1854 at Algonac, a few miles from Newford, New York State, the late Mrs. Roosevelt spent her childhood in Hong Kong where her father was in business.

On her return to Algonac she married in 1880 James Roosevelt who was a distant cousin.

In December, 1900, when the present President was 18, his father died and from then on Mrs. Roosevelt's affection was centred on her son, whose meteoric career she followed step by step with great pride.

Went To Paris

In September, 1937, at the age of 83, the late Mrs. Roosevelt went to Paris at the invitation of the French Government. She visited the Paris Exhibition where she was entertained to an official luncheon. She entered the luncheon room on the arm of M. Bonnet who was then the French Minister of Finance and previously French Ambassador in Washington.

It is presumed that the late Mrs. Roosevelt will be buried at St. James Episcopal Church, in Hyde Park village, where the President's father was interred.

Mrs. Roosevelt was very active, attending many charitable functions and State occasions but it is known that the President, when he went to Hyde Park for the week-end, wanted his mother to have "a check up" at the hands of her doctor.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

An announcement issued by the United States Treasury in Hong Kong states:—

"Conferences between the Stabilisation Board of China and representatives of American and British Banks have been held in Hong Kong in the course of the last week in order to exchange views on recent developments arising out of the freezing procedures instituted by the United States and British Government. Mr. J. A. Mackay, representing the American, and Mr. H. C. Hopkins, the British Banks, announced that they would cooperate fully with the Board in the attainment of common objectives. They indicated they would only buy or sell Foreign Exchange at the official rates fixed by the Board. The Chinese Banks have also promised their whole-hearted cooperation with the Board."

"The Board appreciates the support the American, British and Chinese Banks have pledged and feel sure that the arrangements and understanding arrived at mark substantial progress. The Stabilisation Board of China was instituted by an agreement reached on April 1, 1941 between China, the United States and Great Britain. It consists of three Chinese members, Mr. K. P. Chen (Chairman), Mr. Tsuyee Pei and Mr. Hsi Te-mou; one American member, Mr. A. M. Fox; one British member, Mr. E. L. Hall-Patch. Mr. Choa-Ting-chi is its General Secretary. The Headquarters are at the Central Bank Building, Chungking and it has a temporary office in Hong Kong at the Hong Kong Bank Building."

"The United States and British Treasuries will cooperate to the full to insure that information is available with regard to the freezing Orders issued by their respective Government. The United States Government is delegating special personnel to be stationed in China and Hong Kong for this purpose."

The condition of Mr. J. G. Campbell was stated at Kowloon Hospital this afternoon to have "slightly improved."

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SHANGHAI MARKET MUDDLE

Quotations for free exchange are not available in Shanghai to-day, following the action of all authorised banks, under the recent freezing orders, in withholding exchange from the open market.

The result is that the only quotations available are 3-5/32 and 5-5/16 for sterling and U.S. dollars, respectively, for permitted imports.

It is understood that the Stabilisation Board in Hong Kong, with which certain Shanghai bankers are now conferring, are attempting to work out a scheme to eliminate all free exchange transactions, which the result that sterling and dollars will henceforth be available only for permitted imports at scheduled rates.

Nothing has yet been announced, and Shanghai is still waiting in suspense for clarification. Some financiers are of the opinion that a free market will probably reduce Shanghai's trade by three-quarters.

Essential commodities imported under scheduled rates will probably be rationed for the public through licensed dealers.—Reuter.

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DEATH

KRING—At St. Teresa's Hospital, Kowloon, last night, 7th September, 1941, N. L. Kring. Funeral will take place at 5.30 p.m. to-day at the Protestant Cemetery Chapel.

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